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OF
THE CLAY FAMILY

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This house was built by Timothy Clay in 1800. Stands three miles west of Chester Village, Vt. In this house John L. and Sewell Clay, the children of James Clay; Henry, Louisa, Otis and James M., the children of John L., Alonzo, William, Eliza, Warren and Hiland were born.



This house was built by John L. Clay in 1841. Stands on the northwest quarter of Section 29, Galesburg Township. Now the residence of Major H. H. Clay. In this house all of his children were born.

DEDICATED

TO MY MOTHER,
FOR WITHOUT HER
RELATING TO HER CHILDREN
THE MANY INCIDENTS OF OUR FAMILY LIFE,
THE LARGER PART OF THIS HISTORY
COULD NEVER HAVE BEEN
WRITTEN

THE AUTHOR

STATEMENT

In writing this Genealogy and History of the New Hampshire branch of the Clay family, the author has not adopted any regular plan or system usually followed in works of this kind. He looked over quite a number of Genealogies, but found none of them alike. The plan he finally adopted is a little different from any of them.

He had merely gone on collecting data, records and historical facts and jotting them down for several years, without any real intention of completing and printing them. He was in hopes after a year or two of work in this line, to find some relative among the Clays who would be interested in this Genealogy work, to go ahead and assist in getting data and records. Most all were willing to tell what they knew, but none cared to assist in editing his work.

It will be noticed that the writer has given most of the space in this history to the descendants of Timothy Clay. While this Genealogy goes back to those who landed in Salem in an early day, it merely gives a short account of them down to the settlement in Chester, N. H.

Very little is known or could be written about Jonas Clay, or his son, John, the father of Timothy Clay.

While we are all anxious to know who our first ancestors were, we are still more interested in the last two or three generations of our family.

Knowing that I could not make a complete record of the Clays dating back to Salem, I have put in data and records enough so that all of the other branches of the family who know anything about their grandfather will have no trouble in tracing their line back to Salem.

As to the album part of this book. At first I planned to put in just a few of the older descendants of our grandfathers, but later concluded to let all the Clays who would take the trouble to send me their photograph, to have them put in the history.

I have written up and put in this history a Genealogy of the Lawson family. It will be remembered that Timothy Clay married Rhoda Lawson. And the Genealogy of the Balch family, as my father married Louisa M. Balch. Also the Stevens Genealogy, from which on the maternal side some of our branches descended.

It will be noticed that all the grandfathers or great grandfathers were Revolutionary soldiers, and their military records

given. This will give all the sons and daughters of our branch of the family an opportunity to join the Revolutionary societies who care to do so.

In some respects the Clays were a peculiar people. They have mostly led very quiet and uneventful lives. Most of them have been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Some have been mechanics; a few in trade. Hardly any in what is called the professions. Some have been active in town and county affairs. But none have ever reached a very high position in the state or nation. In this respect we fall far behind our distant kinsmen, the Southern Clays.

No great wealth has been vouchsafed to the family, although quite a number have been in very good circumstances. Probably one line in Grey's *Elegy* will tell the whole story with a good many of them:

"The short and simple annals of the poor."

The author is not very well satisfied with his own work, and would gladly continue this research for a year or more before printing this book. But his advancing years admonish him that the work had better be closed. The writer will not lose his interest in research and Genealogy, although he does not expect to ever print anything more. He will continue to gather data and records for some future Historian, so that if any of his relatives or friends find anything new in this line, to send it to him and he will put it in the records for future use.

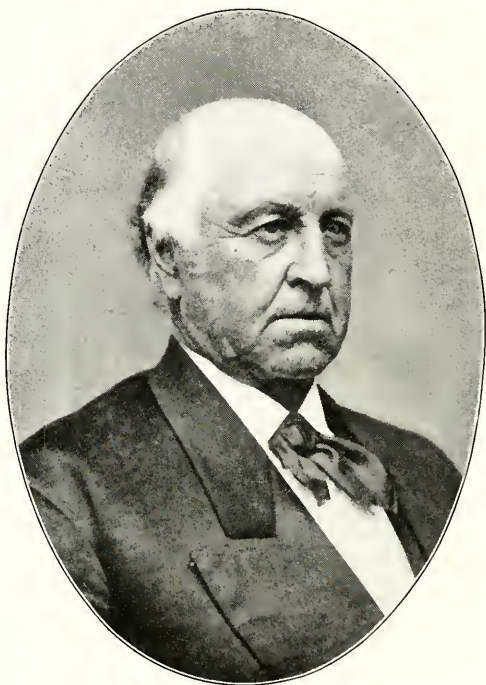
In conclusion I wish to thank most heartily George A. Stevens of New York, who so kindly assisted and took up this work and research. Without his aid and advice this genealogy would have never been written. I also wish to kindly thank Miss Harriet I. Parkhurst of Concord, New Hampshire, who looked over so carefully the records in the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Concord, and wrote out a very good Genealogy of the first New Hampshire Clays.

In closing, the author has no apologies to make. He feels that he has done all that could be done.

As to the Genealogy of the Clay family he thinks he has made it plain to all who they were and where most of them lived and died. Before the author made this research there was probably not a Clay living of our branch of the family who could name any of his ancestors back of his grandfather.

In regard to the history, the author will say but a few copies will be published. Probably less than one hundred for private circulation to the relatives only. They will be given freely and cheerfully, and like the "wine and milk" spoken of in Scripture, "without money and without price."

HILAND H. CLAY



JOHN L. CLAY



MRS. JOHN L. CLAY

1st Generation

We have been unable to locate for certain the immigrant ancestor of our branch of the Clay family. Stephen, Jonas, and Thomas Clay, who came from England and settled in Salem, Mass., between 1630-1640, were, no doubt, brothers and are the first Clays mentioned in the histories of the New England Colonies. Savage, in his history of the New England Pioneers, mentions the Clays as among the first settlers of Massachusetts. There is a tradition in the Clay family which has been handed down for many generations relative to the fact that the Clays in Massachusetts descended from three brothers who came from England and settled in Salem about 1630. The writer heard this tradition when a small boy, more than seventy years ago, and has heard the same story told by Clays whose relationship to his branch of the family was not known. If this tradition is true, there can be no doubt that either Jonas¹ or Stephen¹ Clay was our immigrant ancestor. The first Clay that we know to be in our line is Captain Jonas Clay² who died in Boston in 1704. Another reason why we think that Jonas¹ or Stephen¹ was our immigrant ancestor is the similarity of names, as the given names, Stephen¹ and Jonas¹, appears in the first three or four generations.

The writer has heard the question often asked if his branch of the Clay family was related to the Virginia, or Southern Clays. So far as he knows there is no connection between the two. The writer has met and talked with Cassius M. Clay of Kentucky, a close relative of Henry Clay, and also Senator Clay of Georgia. At New Orleans he met a son of John M. Clay, and in Arkansas two families of Clays. They all traced their ancestors to the early settlements in Virginia.

Captain Jonas Clay² was a sea captain. He had a brother or cousin, Capt. Stephen Clay, who about this time sailed between Boston, Barbadoes and New York. Captain Jonas² was sailing as late as 1702, for in the diary of Judge Sewall during his journey to Martha's Vineyard and along Cape Cod, in 1702, this memorandum dated April 8th, at Edgartown, was found: "Got to ye town about 3 p. m. Go aboard and visit Capt. Jonas Clay, sick of ye gout." Most of the Clays who settled in Salem were mariners, fishermen, ship owners, or sea captains. This is probably the reason why their names do not appear on the manifests or passenger lists of the vessels. Most of the Salem Clays immigrated from Derby and Nottingham Counties, England.

2nd Generation

1. Jonas Clay² lived in Salem, Mass., in 1668. He was among the petitioners against imports, and is probably the same Jonas Clay whose name appears on the Boston Tax List in 1687. He was also generally known as Captain Jonas Clay, a mariner. He married in Salem, Mass., August 22, 1678, to Mary Allen. He died in Boston in 1704. They had seven children, born in Boston.

2. *Jonas³ b. Dec. 29, 1680.
3. Rachel³ b. Oct. 3, 1683 (died young).
4. Rachel³ b. Jan. 28, 1687 (m. Amos Murrel, May 8, 1707).
5. Mary³ b. April 27, 1690.
6. *Stephen³ b. May 16, 1694.
7. Elizabeth³ b. May 12, 1696 (m. Samuel Haley, Nov. 14, 1717).
8. Hannah³ b. May 28, 1698 (m. John Wharffe, Feb. 25, 1718).

The marriages noted above took place in Boston.

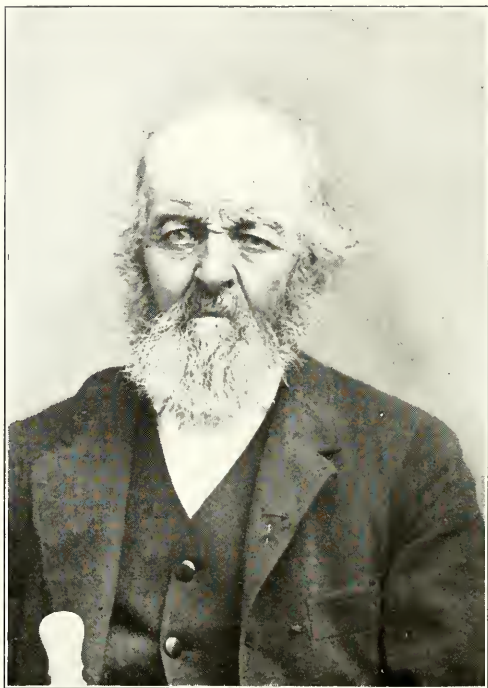
3rd Generation

2. Jonas³ a son of Captain Jonas² and Mary (Allen) Clay of Boston, born there, Dec. 29, 1680, was appointed administrator to his father's estate and probably died at Chester, N. H. He was married May 18, 1714, to Millison (or Miliseent) Kingsbury, by Rev. Benjamin Wadsworth, a Presbyterian, and moved to Ipswich, Mass., immediately, where his grandfather lived, and where he had ten children born, of which five died at Ipswich. Then he moved to Exeter, N. H., about 1730 to 1732, where he owned land. Later he moved to Chester, N. H. Their children baptized at Ipswich.

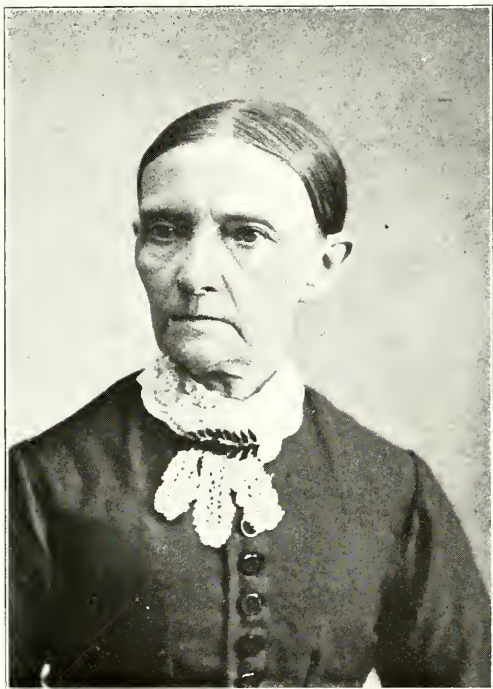
9. *Jonas⁴ baptized Jan. 31, 1715.
10. *Stephen⁴ baptized Dec. 19, 1715.
11. James⁴ baptized Feb. 27, 1718.
12. Hannah⁴ baptized July 31, 1720; d. Sept. 9, 1720.
13. John⁴ baptized Feb. 18, 1721; d. March 9, 1723.
14. Benjamin⁴ baptized Jan. 18, 1723.
15. *John⁴ baptized Dec. 24, 1727.
16. Daniel⁴ baptized June 22, 1729; d. July 11, 1729.
17. Margaret⁴ baptized June 22, 1729; d. July 21, 1729.
18. Mary⁴ baptized Sept. 6, 1729; d. Aug. 30, 1730.

6. Stephen³ a son of Jonas² and Mary (Allen) Clay, born at Boston, May 16, 1694. Married Mary Allen Sept. 27, 1717. Their children:

19. Mary⁴ born, 1719.
20. Rachel⁴ born, 1721. Both died in infancy.



SEWALL CLAY



MRS. SEWALL CLAY

4th Generation

9. Jonas⁴ undoubtedly a son of Jonas³ and Miliscent (Kingsbury) Clay, was baptized at Ipswich, Jan. 31, 1715. Was married to Margaret Nuton, in Kingston, by Rev. Ward Clark, Sept. 1, 1735. He went to Exeter, N. H., with his parents and after his marriage settled in Chester, N. H. He died previous to 1748, as his will was proved in that year. Their children:

21. *Pegge⁵ b. Jan. 3, 1737.
22. *Jonas⁵ b. ———.
23. John⁵ b. ———.
24. David⁵ b. ———.
25. James⁵ b. ———.

10. Stephen⁴ presumed to be a son of Jonas³ and Miliscent (Kingsbury) Clay, was baptized at Ipswich, Dec. 19, 1715. Was married in Chester, N. H., Oct. 12, 1740, to Mary Powell, probably a daughter of William Powell of Chester, by Rev. Ebenezer Flagg. Their children, born in Chester, N. H.:

26. James⁵ b. 1741.
27. *Stephen⁵ b. Aug. 1, 1743.

15. John⁴ a son of Jonas³ and Miliscent (Kingsbury) Clay, was baptized at Ipswich, Dec. 24, 1727. Settled East of Candia Meeting house on No. 63, 3rd Division. Married in Chester, N. H., Aug. 20, 1754, a daughter of John and Ann (Williams) Robie; second, married Lydia, a daughter of Samuel and ——— (Perkins) Robie, and a widow of Richard Ordway. She married third, Colonel Stephen Dearborn, and died Sept. 29, 1817. He lived in Chester, N. H. The children, born in Chester.

Children by first wife:

28. *John⁵ b. April 7, 1757; d. June 28, 1832.
29. Samuel⁵ b. June 30, 1760.
30. *Timothy⁵ b. Nov. 1, 1761; d. Aug. 6, 1831.
31. Walter⁵ b. Aug. 9, 1762.
32. Stephen⁵ b. July 2, 1764.
33. *Daniel⁵ b. ———; he was probably oldest son of the family.

Children by second wife:

34. Sarah⁵ b. July 20, 1775; d. Nov. 2, 1775.
35. Sarah⁵ b. April 3, 1780; 1st m. Richard Emerson; 2d m. Phineas Colby.

5th Generation

21. Pegge⁵ a daughter of Jonas⁴ and Margaret (Nuton) Clay, was born in Chester, N. H., Jan. 3, 1737. She was noted in her day as a witch. As Peggie was born some 40 or 50 years after the Salem Witeheraft had ended, the writer wrote to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Concord, but could get no explanation.

22. Jonas⁵ a son of Jonas⁴ and Margaret (Nuton) Clay, was born at Chester, N. H. He was a soldier under Col. Joseph Blanchard in an expedition against the French Forts, Duquense, Crown Point, and Niagara, in the winter of 1755.

27. Stephen⁵ a son of Stephen⁴ and Mary (Powell) Clay, was born in Chester, N. H., Aug. 1, 1743. He married April 16, 1772, Sarah, a daughter of Moses and Mary (Goodhue) Richardson, born in Chester, N. H., Feb. 28, 1751. He lived in Chester and their children were born there.

36. *Betsey⁵ b. Feb. 2, 1774; d. in 1850.

37. *Stephen⁶ b. Jan. 18, 1777.

38. *Moses⁶ b. Sept. 19, 1780.

39. Nehemiah⁶ b. Aug. 31, 1783.

28. John⁵ a son of John⁴ and Miss (Robie) Clay, was born in Chester, N. H., April 7, 1757, and married first, August 6, 1777, Abigail Brown, born March 7, 1758. They settled in Candia, N. H. He was an Ensign in the Revolutionary War. He married second, April 4, 1822, Widow Deborah Lang. He died in Candia, June 28, 1832. Children born at Candia by first wife:

40. Mary⁶ b. Dec. 26, 1778.

41. John⁶ b. May 17, 1780; d. Nov. 18, 1789.

42. *James⁶ b. Oct. 7, 1781; d. July 1, 1857.

43. *Stephen⁶ b. April 14, 1783; d. June 21, 1859.

44. *Walter⁶ b. Feb. 18, 1785; d. Oct. 25, 1786.

45. Anna⁶ b. Feb. 13, 1787.

46. Walter⁶ b. Dec. 8, 1788.

47. John⁶ b. Nov. 23, 1790; d. 1794.

48. Lydia⁶ b. Oct. 13, 1792.

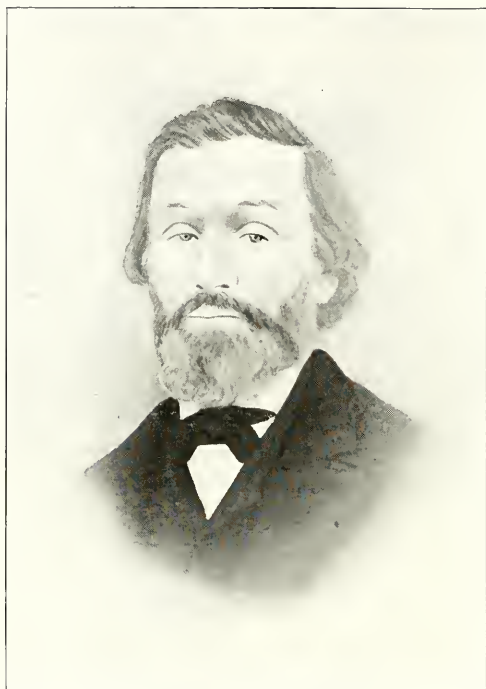
49. Sally⁶ b. Nov. 10, 1794.

50. *John⁶ b. Oct. 20, 1796.

51. Abigail⁶ b. April 17, 1799.

52. *Nathan⁶ b. Feb. 20, 1801.

30. Timothy⁵ a son of John⁴ and ——— (Robie) Clay, was born in Chester, N. H., Nov. 1, 1761. Very little is known of the



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MRS. SIDNEY P. EDGERTON

early history of Timothy Clay. When he was 18 years of age he enlisted in Candia, N. H., July 7, 1779, in Col. John Webster's Regiment, for six months for the defense of Rhode Island. He again enlisted July 6, 1780, and was discharged Oct. 24, 1780. He was in Capt. Whittier's Company, Colonel Nichols' Regiment, raised in New Hampshire, in July, 1780, for the defense of the United States at West Point.

He is not heard of again until he settled in the town of Chester, Windsor Co., Vt., about 1785. As near as can be learned he came from Rhode Island in company with Major Abner and Pardon Fields. Timothy Clay first bought land in 1787 and improved the place. At first he built a log house near a spring. In 1800 he built a frame house a short distance south of the log house and on the old stage road that ran from Boston, Mass., through Chester, Vt., to Troy, N. Y., and on to Saratoga. The old farm is located three miles west of Chester village. The frame house that he built in 1800 is still standing and is in a good state of preservation. In this house John L. Clay, Sally, Sewall, and Amanda were born. Also all the children of James Clay, Henry, Otis, Louisa, and James; and the children of John L. Clay, Alonzo, William, Eliza, Warren and Hiland. A photo of the house is printed in this History.

Timothy Clay was married to Rhoda Lawson, Nov. 2, 1787. It is not known when or where he first met her. She was born at Union, Conn., Nov. 10, 1766, the daughter of John and Mary (Brown) Lawson. She had seven brothers and three sisters. About all we know of her early life we found in the Lawson Genealogy, published in 1903, and that contained only the date of her birth with the rest of the family. The writer has heard his mother say that she was small, quick, and active, and had red hair. She died April 24, 1824. He died August 6, 1831. They both died at the old homestead and are buried in the Simsbury graveyard, which is about one mile east and north of the Clay homestead. It is a small yard, fenced with a stone wall, and is kept up in a very good condition. It lies near where the Fields settled. Timothy and Rhoda (Lawson) Clay were the parents of nine children, all born at Chester, Vt.

53. *Daniel³ b. June 12, 1789; d. Dec. 28, 1829.

54. Polly⁶ b. April 10, 1791; d. Jan. 4, 1812.

55. *James⁶ b. March 25, 1793; d. Dec. 12, 1825.

56. Sally⁶ b. June, 1795; d. Oct. 19, 1799.

57. *Walter⁶ b. Nov. 1, 1798; date of death unknown.

- 58. *Sally^a b. April 6, 1800; d. 1870.
- 59. *John Lawson^a b. Oct. 3, 1802; d. Oct. 29, 1877.
- 60. *Sewell^a b. July 11, 1807; d. July 16, 1886.
- 61. *Amanda^a b. May 20, 1809; d. 1887.

33. Daniel³ a son of John¹ and Miss (Robie) Clay, no date given of birth, but probably was the oldest of the Clay family. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Very little is known about him. He moved to Duck Creek, 12 miles north of Marietta, Ohio, in 1802. The writer has a letter by his son, James, written to Timothy Clay, dated May 9, 1818, giving a brief account of the family, their place, and how they were getting along. This letter is the last ever received from any of the family. The following records have been secured from Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio: "Married, March 21, 1819, Daniel Clay, Jr., to Martha Davis, by Dudley Davis, J. P.; married April 9, 1820, William Wharf to Deborah Clay, by Dudley Davis, J. P." No doubt these Clays were the children of Daniel Clay. There was a Jonathan Clay living on Duck Creek as late as 1864, when he sold his farm and went to Iowa. At that time he had a family of four boys and three girls: Benjamin, Daniel, David, Cyrus, Mary, Martha, and Retta. The boys were all grown men when they went to Iowa. This Jonathan Clay was without doubt a grandson of Capt. Daniel Clay. A Timothy Clay lived at Lowell, Ohio. George Morgan, of Warner, Ohio, wrote me that his father knew Capt. Clay and that he died in Lowell, Ohio, about 1831. (See Appendix.)

6th Generation

36. Petsey^a a daughter of Stephen⁵ and Sarah (Richardson) Clay, born at Chester, N. H., Feb. 2, 1774. First married Eliphalet Danforth; second, married April 2, 1832, Jonathan Balch. She died in 1850.

37. Stephen^a a son of Stephen⁵ and Sarah (Richardson) Clay, born at Chester, N. H., Jan. 18, 1777. Married first, Abigail Dolby, who died in 1819, aged 28. He married second, Nancy Robie, who died in 1827. He married third, the widow of Jonathan Ball. He resided in Chester.

38. Moses^a a son of Stephen⁵ and Sarah (Richardson) Clay, born at Chester, N. H., Sept. 19, 1780. Married Jane Lane, widow of Ezekiel Blake.



HENRY CLAY



MRS. ALCIE CLAY THOMPSON

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42. James^u a son of John^s and Abigail (Brown) Clay, was born at Candia, N. H., Oct. 7, 1781. He married first, March 6, 1806, Elizabeth (Dearborn) Lord, a widow of John Lord, having about that time moved to Sanbornton from Candia, and settled on the Jona Morrison place, near Little Bay. She died March 30, 1815. He married second, Nov. 23, 1815, Mrs. Ruth (Sanborn) Jaques, widow of Samuel Jaques, who died May 9, 1843, in her 53rd year. He married third, August, 1844, Hanna Parsons. She died in Albany, December, 1861. He died in Sanbornton, July 1, 1857.

Children by first wife:

- 62. *Lovejoy^r b. Nov. 30, 1806; d. Jan. 12, 1862.
- 63. *James^r b. Feb. 23, 1808.
- 64. *Elizabeth^r b. Aug. 9, 1811.
- 65. *Nathan^r b. June 11, 1810.
- 66. *Abigail^r b. Aug. 9, 1812.
- 67. Samuel^r b. April 24, 1813; d. Jan. 11, 1814.
- 68. *Amelia^r b. March 5, 1815.

Children by second wife:

- 69. *Samuel Jaques^r b. July 29, 1817; d. Sept. 6, 1866.
- 70. *William^r b. Dec. 11, 1818; d. August, 1848.
- 71. *Mathew^r b. July 4, 1820.
- 72. *Martha^r b. Sept. 13, 1821.
- 73. *Daniel^r b. Nov. 29, 1822; d. April 6, 1858.
- 74. Ebenezer^r b. June 8, 1824; d. Aug. 8, 1825.
- 75. Ebenezer^r b. March 13, 1826; d. Dec. 1, 1826.
- 76. *Sarah^r b. May 20, 1827; d. Nov. 13, 1850.
- 77. *Henry^r b. Aug. 30, 1828; d. December, 1856.
- 78. Jonathan^r b. May 4, 1830; d. July 17, 1860.
- 79. Jesse^r b. May 4, 1833; d. July 20, 1856.

43. Stephen^o a son of John^s and Abigail (Brown) Clay, was born in Candia, April 14, 1783. He married, March 22, 1810, in Candia, Dorothy Robie, born Nov. 8, 1790, the daughter of Walter and Dorothy (Tilton) Robie, and descended from John Robie, who was killed by the Indians June 16, 1691. Seven of his family moved to Candia Jan. 10, 1764. He removed to this town the next month after the marriage and four years after the arrival of his father, taking possession of the Coffin Sanborn place, until then owned by Abner, a son of Coffin. He passed all his married life there and died June 21, 1859. He was a member of the First Baptist church after about 1833. His widow still survived him in 1880. Children, born at Candia:

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80. *Susan Robie^r b. April 17, 1811.
81. Lydia^r b. Sept. 22, 1812; d. Oct. 23, 1826.
82. *Sophia Givins^r b. Dec. 28, 1814.
83. *John^r b. Sept. 13, 1816; d. Jan. 27, 1898.
84. *Frederick^r b. Oct. 28, 1818; d. April 6, 1866.
85. Robie^r b. March 1, 1821; d. Dec. 18, 1839.
86. Mary^r b. Aug. 10, 1823; d. Oct. 23, 1823.
87. Mary Jane^r b. Oct. 18, 1824; d. Oct. 11, 1826.
88. *Charles^r b. June 5, 1827.
89. *Daniel Stephen^r b. March 5, 1830; d. Aug. 6, 1900.

44. Walterⁿ a son of John^s and Abigail (Brown) Clay, was born in Candia, N. H., Dec. 8, 1788. Married Jan. 20, 1807, at Londonderry, Sarah Danforth. He married second, Miss Dolly Pilsbury of Candia, June 23, 1811.

50. Johnⁿ a son of John^s and Abigail (Brown) Clay, was born in Candia, N. H., Oct. 20, 1796. He married May 31, 1864, at North Hampton, Betsey, the daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Batchelder, who was 64 years old at the time of this marriage, and it was his second marriage. There is no record of his first marriage, unless it is the following, found in Vital Statistics, N. H.: John Clay, Jr., to Mrs. Sally Lang, both of Candia, on Feb. 29, 1819, by Rev. A. Wheeler.

52. Nathanⁿ a son of John^s and Abigail (Brown) Clay, was born in Candia, Feb. 20, 1801. He married at Boscawen, Aug. 22, 1820, Sally Martin.

53. Danielⁿ a son of Timothy^s and Rhoda (Lawson) Clay, was born at Chester, Vt., June 12, 1789, at the Clay home. Very little is known about his early days. He lived at home until of age and soon after married Sally Ann Goodwin. He built a small house on his father's farm, which he rented for several years. He afterwards moved to Little Falls, N. Y. Daniel Clay was killed in a runaway Dec. 28, 1829. While driving a span of colts, on a cold, frosty morning, hitched to a farm sled, he met a friend on the road and stopped to talk with him. As he was slapping his hands together to warm them, the lines, in some manner got a half hitch about his wrists. The colts suddenly started to run, jerking him out of the sled and dragging him to death. His wife died Oct. 12, 1832, and they are both buried at Little Falls. While living at Chester and Little Falls, four children were born:

90. *Don Alonza^r b. about 1816; d. 1888.
91. *Lucy^r b. Oct. 12, 1818; d. Aug. 20, 1905.
92. *Alcie Mena^r b. Oct. 22, 1827; d. May 23, 1901.
93. Daughter^r died in infancy.

55. James⁶ son of Timothy⁵ and Rhoda (Lawson) Clay, was born in Chester, Vt., March 25, 1793. He remained at home until he was nineteen years old, when he enlisted Oct. 1, 1812, in Capt. Luke Parson's Company of Cavalry, 3rd (Williams) Vermont Militia, and served until Dec. 8, 1812. He married, Jan. 21, 1817, Lucinda Whiteman, who was born and raised on an adjoining farm, the house being but a short distance from the Clay home. After his marriage he moved to the Clay farm and lived there until he died. He was accidentally killed Dec. 13, 1825. The day before, as he was crossing a bridge on a gallop, about one-half mile east of his home, while on his return from Chester, where he had gone on horseback with two of his neighbors, his horse stumbled and the saddle girt broke as the horse went down; he pitched forward, striking his head on a stone at the end of the bridge. He never regained consciousness and died the next day. His wife married Daniel Peabody, June 11, 1829; she died July 19, 1862. They are buried in the Simonsville cemetery. James Clay is buried in the cemetery at Simsbury. Their children were born at Chester, on the Clay farm.

94. *Henry⁷ b. July 25, 1818; d. Dec. 14, 1892.

95. *Louisa M.⁷ b. June 14, 1820; d. Jan. 23, 1887.

96. *Otis P.⁷ b. May 7, 1823; d. Nov. 14, 1880.

97. *James M.⁷ b. Aug. 22, 1825; d. June 20, 1901.

57. Walter⁶ son of Timothy⁵ and Rhoda (Lawson) Clay, was born in Chester, Vt., Nov. 1, 1798, at the Clay home. He lived there until he was sixteen years old, when he was apprenticed to learn the tailor's trade, with a tailor who lived in Springfield, Vt. While there he became dissatisfied with the man and without telling any one that he did not like his place, suddenly disappeared. He was not heard from for six months, when his father received a letter from him dated 1816, at Green Bay, Wisconsin Territory. From there he went to Prairie du Chien, on the Mississippi River, where he remained nearly two years working at his trade, and, as he states, doing a good business. No one knows how he got to Green Bay, as he had no money, and at that time there were no railroads, steamboats or canals. It is believed he went north to the St. Lawrence River and joined a party of fur traders and went through with them. He also went into the fur business at Prairie du Chien, floating down the river to St. Louis and then polcing and towing the way back. He wrote several letters to his father from Prairie du Chien

and St. Louis, which the writer now has in his possession. The last letter received from him was written at Prairie du Chien, Dec. 9, 1818, in which he states that he was going to St. Louis to sell some valuable property that he owned there and then start for home, as he would be then 21 years old and his own master. Nothing further was ever heard from him. Several attempts have been made by different members of the family to get some trace of him. His brother, John L. Clay, made several efforts in the early fifties. The writer made an effort through Gordon S. Hubbard of Chicago, who was a native of Windson County, Vermont, who left that section and was in and around Chicago and St. Louis in 1816, and for several years afterwards. He knew nothing. A search of the real estate records of St. Louis was of no avail. The oldest inhabitants of Prairie du Chien, a few years ago, knew nothing of him. (See letter written by Walter Clay in Appendix.)

58. Sally⁶ a daughter of Timothy⁵ and Rhoda (Lawson) Clay, was born at Chester, Vt., in the old home, April 6, 1800. She lived there until grown, then she learned the tailor's and milliner's trade. For several years she was located at New Lebanon Springs, N. Y. Later she located in New York City with her sister, Amanda. There is no record of her death or where she died. (Since writing this, we learned she died about 1870, and is buried in Brooklyn, N. Y.)

59. John Lawson⁶ a son of Timothy⁵ and Rhoda (Lawson) Clay, was born at Chester, Vt., at the old Clay home, Oct. 3, 1802, three miles west of Chester Village, Windsor County, Vt. He lived at home with his parents until he was of age. After a year or two, he went to Simonsville, only three miles away, and went to work in a tanyard, which was conducted by Steven Belden. He remained there until the death of his brother, James, in 1825, when he went home and carried on the farm for two years, at the end of which time he bought the place of his father. On March 8, 1827, he married Louisa Marium, a daughter of Joel and Betsey (Stevens) Balch of Andover, Vt., born April 13, 1804. They were married at Chester, Vt., by Rev. Aaron Leland. While living on this farm their children were born.

98. *Alonza Cardell⁷ b. Feb. 19, 1828; d. Dec. 13, 1897.

99. *William Lawson⁷ b. Aug. 29, 1831; d. March 7, 1901.

100. *Eliza Louisa⁷ b. March 31, 1833; d. Jan. 24, 1835.

101. *Warren W. W.⁷ b. June 12, 1835; d. Jan. 7, 1861.

102. *Hiland Henry⁷ b. Jan. 3, 1838.



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100. Eliza Louisa died Jan. 24, 1835, and was buried in the Simsbury graveyard by the side of her grandparents.

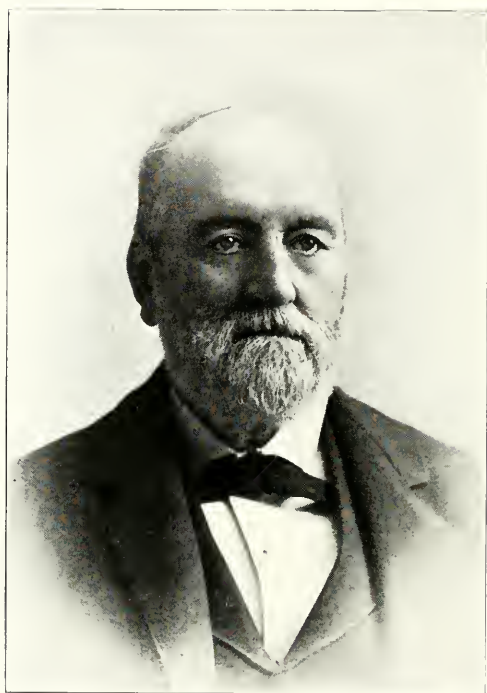
In 1832, John L. started to go to the West. He first went to St. Lawrence County, N. Y., where his brother, Sewall, then lived. From there he went on a little way beyond Rochester, when he turned around and started for home. At that time the cholera had broken out in Western New York and the inhabitants were frightened half to death. He said that hardly anyone would keep him over night and that in the daytime when he would go up to a house to inquire the way they would shut the door in his face. In 1837 he started a second time for the West in company with Adnah Williams and Steven Fields of Chester. They went by way of the Erie Canal, around the lakes from Buffalo to Milwaukee. Their first stopping place was near Troy, where three or four families from Chester and Andover had settled. They did not like the Wisconsin country very well and after looking around for a week or two, went out as far as Janesville, on the head waters of Rock River. Janesville was then a place of about a dozen log houses. Here they bought a skiff and sailed, floated and paddled down the river to Rock Island, Illinois. They remained there a day or two and then took the boat again down to Oquawka. At this place they abandoned their ship and next day walked to Monmouth, thence to Berwick and from there to Knoxville.

While at Knoxville they met John G. Sanborn, who was then County Clerk, and in talking with him about land and settlements he told them of the Galesburg Colony, just settling on the prairie, five miles northwest of Knoxville. They went to the town site the next day, where they found about a dozen houses started and one, the Holyoke house, completed. After looking around a few days, they concluded to buy near Galesburg. At that time Major Barrett of Quincy, Ill., owned a large body of land in the southern part of Galesburg Township. They went to Quincy, bought what land they wanted of Barrett and returned to Knoxville. From there they went to Springfield, where on the Fourth of July, they witnessed the laying of the corner stone of the State House, which is still standing on the Public Square. From Springfield they walked to Chicago and then took the boat to Buffalo and the Erie Canal to Albany. The walking was good from there to Chester. John L. sold his farm before he made this trip and after buying out west, expected to move out the next year, but the man that bought failed to

raise the money to pay for it, so he had to take it back, and it was two years before he was able to sell again.

In the spring of 1840, with a good span of horses and a rather light two-horse wagon, rigged out with bowes and sheet, and taking no load except bedding and clothing, he loaded his wife and four children and started. It was about the first of June. They knew nothing about camping out, so put up at houses and taverns whenever they could. They averaged thirty-five and forty miles a day, following the line of the Erie Canal most of the way. Before they got to Rochester such awful reports of bad roads in Ohio reached them that they concluded to go to Buffalo and take a boat to Detroit. They left Detroit and drove to Adrian, where Steven Belden lived. He was an uncle of the writer's mother, Mrs. John L. Clay, and the same man that John L. worked for at the tanner's trade in Simonsville fifteen years before. When they left Adrian, Martha Belden, the oldest daughter of Steven Belden, joined the party and came with them. After leaving Michigan they passed through Valparaiso, Indiana, leaving Chicago to their left, crossing the Illinois River at Chillieothe, getting to Knoxville on the 14th, and driving into Galesburg on the morning of July 15, 1840.

Galesburg was then a village of about thirty-five families. They first lived in a small house that stood on the northwest corner of West Main and Henderson Streets. John L. soon bought a house that stood on the lot where Michael O'Connor's brick house now stands, on West Main Street. That fall he commenced getting lumber and building materials together and the next spring built part of the house, a kitchen, wood shed and a barn. About June 1, 1841, he moved out to the farm, which has been the home of the Clays for more than seventy-five years. In the summer and fall of 1841, he kept busy fencing and breaking prairie. He got the main or front part of the house up and enclosed in 1841. He started farming on a small scale, putting in corn on the ground he had broken the year before. Let it be remembered that farming was different from what it is now. Then there were no plows that would scour (when the writer was a very small boy he saw a wooden mould board plow in use, plowing on his father's farm), neither were there any corn planters, reapers, mowers, binders, horse hay rakes, hay loaders, or hay forks. The first ten years he tried all kinds of farming, raising hemp, yellow mustard, flax, hops, millet, wheat, corn and oats. He fed cattle and raised hogs, and in company with two other men drove 400 hogs to Oquawka, Illinois, where they had them slaughtered and loaded



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onto a flat boat. They were then floated down the river to New Orleans. This was in 1847. About 1852 farming was a little different, for all kinds of machinery, except the binder, had come to stay.

John L. Clay took an active part in promoting railroads. He was one of the first subscribers to stock in the Central Military Tract Railroad, now the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy. The writer remembers going with him to Galesburg one night to attend a railroad meeting held in the old Knox Academy, in 1849. He was one of the incorporators of the Illinois Liberal Institute, which is now Lombard College. He was on the first Board of Trustees and remained there nearly twenty years.

He passed the last years of his life in retirement, living part of the time in Galesburg and part of the time on the farm. He died there very suddenly Oct. 29, 1877, probably of apoplexy. He is buried beside his wife in the family lot in Hope Cemetery, Galesburg, Illinois.

60. Sewall^a a son of Timothy^s and Rhoda (Lawson) Clay, was born in Chester, Vt., on July 11, 1807, at the old homestead. He remained at home with his parents until he was 21 years old. In 1828 he went to Albany, N. Y., where he worked at brick making. The next year he went to Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and in 1830 settled in Oswegutchee, in the same county. Here he engaged in business as a merchant and as a farmer, where he married Mary Fish, April 5, 1832. In 1844 he sold out and left for the Illinois country, making the journey overland with two two-horse wagons, camping out most of the time. At that time his family consisted of his wife and three children: Eliza, Osbert, and Irving. A man by the name of Holden came with him and drove one of the teams. He arrived in Galesburg, Illinois, about the first of August, coming to his brother, John L. Clay, where he stayed until fall, when he bought an improved farm, located one-half mile east of what is now Surrey, Coldbrook Township, Warren County, Illinois. In 1848 his wife, Mary, died. We know but little of his first wife's family. She had two brothers who were road contractors in Windsor County in the thirties, and one brother lived in Chicago forty-five years ago. He was married a second time, April 28, 1850, to Elizabeth (Howe) Underwood, the widow of Valentine Underwood, who died Feb. 20, 1849. She was born Jan. 17, 1815, and died Jan. 29, 1892. She is buried beside her first husband in the Williams Cemetery, near Galesburg, Ill.

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In 1853 he sold his farm and moved to Galesburg, Ill. In 1857 he went to Missouri and bought a farm near Macon City, Macon County. In the fall of 1861 he exchanged his farm for one near Cameron, Illinois. Sewall Clay met the same fate as his brothers, Daniel and James, as he was killed in a runaway July 16, 1886. That morning he had started with his wife to Galesburg in a two-horse buggy, when one mile south and a quarter of a mile west of the John L. Clay home, the horses became frightened at an old wagon standing alongside of the road and started to run. He was unable to hold them and when they reached the four corners they were going very fast, and made a short, quick turn toward the north, throwing them both out and killing Sewall instantly. He is buried beside his first wife, Mary, and son, Irving, in the Williams graveyard, near the county line, five miles southwest of Galesburg, Ill. His children by first wife, Mary:

103. *Mary Eliza⁷ b. April 26, 1833; d. June 16, 1891.

104. *Otis Osbert⁷ b. March 29, 1835; d. March 29, 1911.

105. *Irving⁷ b. Sept. 20, 1839; d. May 5, 1880.

Children by second wife, Elizabeth:

106. *Millard⁷ b. Feb. 22, 1851.

107. *Eugene⁷ b. Oct. 22, 1854.

In the lives of the sons of Timothy Clay it will be noted that the five brothers met a very sudden, and three of them a very violent death. Of the fate of Walter, we know nothing, but it is very probable that he came to a very sudden if not violent death.

61. Amanda⁶ a daughter of Timothy⁵ and Rhoda (Lawson) Clay, was born at Chester, Vt., in the old Clay home, where she lived until grown. For several years, beginning about 1834, she was engaged in the millinery business with her sister, Sally, in New York City. It is not known when she left New York. In 1874 she was living in Lowell, Mass. She was a very proud woman, and quick-tempered. She died in 1887, and is buried in Lowell, Mass.

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62. Lovejoy⁷ a son of James⁶ and Elizabeth (Lord) Clay, born at Candia, N. H.; married Cynthia Page of Gilmanton, Feb. 12, 1834. He lived in Upper Gilmanton, near Laconia, a clothier, and finally a farmer. He died there, Jan. 12, 1862. Cynthia was born Aug. 9, 1805, at Gilmanton. Their children:

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- 108. *Mary Jane^s b. Jan. 12, 1835.
- 109. *John Page^s b. Jan. 8, 1837.
- 110. *Carrie Wood^s b. Aug. 8, 1839.
- 111. *Ira Moses^s b. July 18, 1841.
- 112. *Charles Edwin^s b. Dec. 8, 1843; d. Feb. 25, 1863.
- 113. George Frank^s b. Jan. 1, 1847; d. Sept. 4, 1849.
- 114. *Ellen Rebecca^s b. Sept. 25, 1848.

63. James[†] a son of James^e and Elizabeth (Lord) Clay, was born at Candia Feb. 23, 1808, and has resided in Maryland. He first married Lydia Bailey, in Maryland. She died in 1836. He second married Mary Hitchcock. Their children:

- 115. Henry^s
- 116. Laura^s
- 117. James^s
- 118. Almanza^s
- 119. Oliver^s

64. Elizabeth[†] a daughter of James^e and Elizabeth (Lord) Clay, was born in Candia, N. H., Aug. 9, 1811; married John Jewell.

65. Nathan[†] a son of James^e and Elizabeth (Lord) Clay, was born June 11, 1810; married first, Mary Polly Sawyer of Upper Gilmanton; married second, Eliza Durgin of Thornton, and has resided there since 1844. They had no children.

66. Abigail[†] a daughter of James^e and Elizabeth (Lord) Clay, was born at Candia, N. H., Aug. 9, 1812. She married Col. James S. Hoyt of Laconia, a machinist, June 28, 1838. He was a native of Barnstead. She died October, 1860, their children:

- 120. James Clinton^s a physician in the West.
- 121. Abbie^s married Frank Fogg of Cambridge, Mass.

68. Amelia[†] a daughter of James^e and Elizabeth (Lord) Clay, was born at Candia, N. H., March 5, 1815. She married Aaron Towle, a farmer of Chichester. Their child:

- 122. Frank Ernest^s b. November, 1856.

69. Samuel Jaques[†] a son of James^e and Ruth (Sanborn Jaques) Clay, was born at Candia, N. H., July 29, 1817. He married Mary Ann Webster of Windham, Dec. 18, 1849. He was a stone cutter. He first lived in Rhode Island, and then moved to

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Maine. He died at Vinal Haven, Maine, Sept. 6, 1866. She lived in Concord (1876). Their children:

123. *William H.^s b. Jan. 10, 1851, in Pelham.

124. *Samuel Alford^s b. May 3, 1854.

125. Ruth S.^s b. Sept. 7, 1855, at Quiney; d. there, April 14, 1857.

70. William⁷ a son of James⁶ and Ruth (Sanborn Jaques) Clay, was born at Candia, N. H., Dec. 11, 1818. He was a stone cutter. Married Sophia Kennell in Cambridge, Mass. He died in August, 1848. She died one week later.

71. Mathew⁷ a son of James⁶ and Ruth (Sanborn Jaques) Clay, was born at Candia, N. H., July 4, 1820. Was a farmer in Milton, Mass. He married Abigail Maria Gerrish, Oct. 24, 1843, at Milton. He resided at Norwood, Mass., 1878. Their children, born in Milton:

126. Urbane^s b. May 4, 1845.

127. Abbie M.^s b. April 15, 1847.

128. Charlotte E.^s b. May 22, 1849.

129. Thomas C.^s b. Nov. 29, 1851.

130. Albert H.^s b. Feb. 6, 1854, at Walpole, Mass.

131. Melvin W.^s b. March 13, 1863, at W. Dedham.

132. Flora F.^s b. Aug. 28, 1864, at W. Dedham.

72. Martha Sanborn⁷ a daughter of James⁶ and Ruth (Sanborn Jaques) Clay, was born at Candia, Sept. 13, 1821. She married Jonathan Dearborn of Northfield.

73. Daniel⁷ a son of James⁶ and Ruth (Sanborn Jaques) Clay, was born at Candia, Nov. 29, 1822. He married Harriett Dearborn of Northfield, Nov. 28, 1848. He then went to California and died there April 6, 1858. He is buried at Lone Mountain Cemetery, three miles from San Francisco. She died at Altos or Northfield, Oct. 9, 1872. Their children:

133. Frank A.^s b. Sept. 30, 1849; d. April 8, 1850.

134. James H.^s b. October, 1855; d. Jan. 12, 1856.

76. Sarah⁷ a daughter of James⁶ and Ruth (Sanborn Jaques) Clay, was born at Candia, May 20, 1827. She married Benjamin H. Ives of Union, Sept. 9, 1847, who died returning from California, about 1863. She died Nov. 13, 1850. Their child:

135. Ellen Jane^s b. Sept. 21, 1849, resided at Lynn, Mass., 1878.



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77. Henry⁷ a son of James⁶ and Ruth (Sanborn Jaques) Clay, was born Aug. 30, 1828, at Candia, N. H. He died in San Francisco, California, in December, 1856.

80. Susan Robie⁷ a daughter of Stephen⁶ and Dorothy (Robie) Clay, was born at Candia, N. H., April 17, 1811. She married Moses Morrill of Gilmanton, Feb. 25, 1836, who was first a clothier at the Bridge, and lastly a farmer near the old Tilton homestead, where he died in June, 1854. Their children, born at Sanbornton Bridge:

- 136. Jane^s b. April 11, 1837.
- 137. George^s b. Nov. 5, 1838; d. in California about 1863.
- 138. Ezra E.^s b. Oct. 28, 1841. He was a soldier in the New Hampshire 8th and re-enlisted until the end of the war. He was married at Lawrence, Mass., 1875.
- 139. Reuben^s b. Nov. 18, 1843; m. Emma J. Morrison, a daughter of James S. Morrison, Oct. 16, 1869. They reside in Franklin, 1876, a wool sorter in Sawyer Mill.
- 140. Oren S.^s b. Sept. 16, 1847. Had been employed in a factory at Manchester and died there in July, 1866.
- 141. Amon E.^s b. Jan. 4, 1851.

82. Sophia Givens⁷ a daughter of Stephen⁶ and Dorothy (Robie) Clay, was born at Candia, Dec. 28, 1814. She married first, Ben. J. Sanborn, a son of Joseph Sanborn. She married second, Amasa Clark, a farmer of Andover, March 9, 1843. The children by second husband:

- 142. Benjamin Sanborn^s b. Oct. 15, 1843.
- 143. Charles Robie^s b. Dec. 6, 1848.
- 144. Abbie Louisa^s b. Sept. 12, 1851; d. February, 1852, in Andover.
- 145. Franklin Pierce^s b. March 1, 1853.
- 146. Horace^s b. Nov. 20, 1855, in Andover.
- 147. George H.^s b. Oct. 5, 1858, a carpenter.

83. John⁷ a son of Stephen⁶ and Dorothy (Robie) Clay, was born at Candia, N. H., Sept. 13, 1816. He married Syla B. Tucker, a daughter of Payson Tucker, of East Andover, Nov. 9, 1842. He died Jan. 27, 1898, at East Andover, N. H. Their children:

- 148. *Sarah Delia^s b. Sept. 15, 1845.
- 149. *Clara Augusta^s b. March 11, 1849; d. Nov. 5, 1873.
- 150. *Ella Jane^s b. Oct. 11, 1850.
- 151. Payson Robie^s b. Nov. 12, 1852.
- 152. Byron Clement^s b. Feb. 16, 1854; d. Jan. 19, 1863.

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84. Fredrick[†] a son of Stephen^o and Dorothy (Robie) Clay, was born at Candia, N. H., Oct. 28, 1818. He was a farmer in Danbury and married first, Jan. 28, 1841, Lucy Merrian, who died April 29, 1842. He married second, Lucretia P., a daughter of Rev. Daniel B. Puleifer of Danbury, Oct. 30, 1842, who died June 22, 1853. Married third, Clara Heath, Nov. 15, 1854, and he died April 6, 1866. Children:

- 153. *Benjamin Merrian^s b. April 28, 1842; 1st wife.
- 154. *Edward Payson^s b. Jan. 30, 1844; 2nd wife.
- 155. *Lucy Frances^s b. July 16, 1846; 2nd wife.

88. Charles[†] a son of Stephen^o and Dorothy (Robie) Clay, was born at Candia, June 5, 1827. Married Sarah E. Clark of Canaan, March 10, 1868. Was a farmer in Washington, California.

89. Daniel Stephen[†] a son of Stephen^o and Dorothy (Robie) Clay, was born at Candia, March 5, 1830. He married Mary Jane Colby, May 29, 1856. She was born Nov. 11, 1829, in Northfield. He was a farmer on his father's homestead in what is now Tilton; was County Commissioner of Belknap County, 1870-73; Chairman of the Board during the erection of the new county building (1873). He died Aug. 6, 1900, at Tilton, N. H., and is buried there. Their children:

- 156. *Annie Marie^s b. Jan. 11, 1859.
- 157. Henry Sanborn^s b. Nov. 10, 1862.
- 158. *Myron Daniel^s b. Oct. 6, 1867.

90. Don Alonza[†] a son of Daniel^o and Sally Ann (Goodwin) Clay, was born on the old Timothy Clay farm, near Chester, Vt., about 1816. Only a little is known about him. He moved to Little Falls, N. Y., with his father about 1822. His father died in 1829, and after his mother's death in 1832, he returned to Chester, Vt. For a while he stayed with his uncle, John L. Clay. About this time he learned the carpenter and machinist trade. He followed these trades about ten years, working in New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts. He was married some time in the early forties and had a family of three children, one boy and two girls. His son, Don Alonza, the oldest, died in Boston nearly forty years ago. He was married and left a son named Don Alonza, who was living in Boston six or seven years ago. Don Alonza 1st, was living with his two daughters in New York, near Saratoga Springs, about 1876.

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- 159. Don Alonza.
- 160. Ada (?)
- 161. Abbie (?)
- 162. _____.

The girls married brothers by the name of Wilcox.

91. Lucy⁷ a daughter of Daniel⁶ and Sally Ann (Goodwin) Clay, was born at Chester, Vt., Oct. 12, 1818, on the Timothy Clay homestead. When a small girl her father moved to Little Falls, N. Y., where he died in 1829, and her mother in 1832. After the death of her mother which broke up the home, she lived around Little Falls for some time and then moved back to Chester and made her home with her unele, John L. Clay, most of the time. In 1841 she left Chester with the Williams and Cone families and moved to Galesburg, Ill., making the trip in two-horse wagons. She made her home there with her Unele John L., who had been there but a short time. On April 6, 1842, at a double wedding, she married Sidney P. Edgerton, who was born at Mariah, N. Y., Nov. 11, 1811; the others married with the same ceremony were Solomon E. Edgerton, a cousin of Sidney's, and Martha Belden, a cousin of Mrs. John L. Clay. The service was read by the Rev. George W. Gale, the founder of Galesburg and of Knox College. At this early date a double wedding was considered quite an event. The writer remembers the event very well, he being then four years old, and it being the first wedding he had ever seen or heard of. The marriage took place in the sitting room of the old Clay home, before the house was completed. After the nuptials they moved into a house in Galesburg, which had already been prepared for them. In 1853 they moved to Iowa, thence to Missouri. After a few years they left Missouri and moved to Nebraska, settling near Omaha. Sidney Edgerton died at Blair, Neb., Feb. 11, 1880. She then moved to Sheldon, Iowa, where she died Aug. 20, 1905. They are both buried at Blair, Neb. They had seven children, two of whom died at Galesburg and were buried in the Clay family lot in Hope Cemetery, about 1848.

- 163. Charles⁸ b. in Galesburg, March 17, 1843; d. in Omaha, Neb., May, 1900.
- 164. Sarah A.⁸ b. in Galesburg, May 12, 1844; d. Feb. 6, 1848; buried in Hope Cemetery.
- 165. David⁸ b. April 12, 1846; d. July 6, 1848.
- 166. Frank⁸ b. Dec. 18, 1847; d. Sept. 1, 1874.
- 167. Ada⁸ b. Sept. 25, 1858; twin; d. May 18, 1876.
- 168. *Ida⁸ b. Sept. 25, 1858; d. May 15, 1916; twin.
- 169. William⁸ b. Jan. 16, 1856, in Cedar County, Iowa; now living at Ada, Minn.

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95. Alice Mena^r daughter of Daniel^o and Sally Ann (Goodwin) Clay, was born at Little Falls, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1827. Her father and mother died when she was quite young and she was finally taken and raised by her aunt who lived at Lowell, Mass. She married in 1848 at Boston, Lafayette Francis Thompson. He was born at Castleton, Vt., in 1825. After living at Claremont, N. H., for a few years they moved to Minnesota. There he enlisted in Co. B, Tenth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, on the 21st day of August, 1862, and he was honorably discharged on Nov. 5, 1863, at St. Louis, Mo., for promotion to Hospital Steward. He died in St. Louis in 1863. Children born to them:

170. Arthur F.ⁿ b. Nov. 12, 1850.

171. Child^s b. at Claremont, N. H.; d. in infancy.

172. Ella F.^s b. April 8, 1860; d. Jan. 5, 1905.

94. Henry^r a son of James^o and Lucinda (Whiteman) Clay, was born at the Clay homestead, Chester, Vt., July 25, 1818. His father died when he was seven years old. He lived with his mother until her marriage to Daniel Peabody of Andover, Vt., in 1829. He then went to make his home with his uncle, John L. Clay, until he was 21 years of age. During part of the time he was a clerk in a store at Simonsville and at Chester, Vt. He was married Jan. 1, 1842, by Rev. Mr. Ramkins, at Weston, Vt., to Lucy Taylor, a daughter of James and Mary (Towns) Taylor. After his marriage he lived in Simonsville and kept the hotel and a store.

In 1845 he moved to Cambridge, near Boston, and soon got employment in the Wholesale and Importing House of John Preston & Co., founded in 1760, No. 162 State St., Importers of Chocolates, and Wines and Liquors, where he remained as head clerk and manager for more than forty years.

While he was not what we would call a runner or drummer, he was one of the first to visit the larger cities in the country soliciting trade at the wholesale stores.

After a few years spent at Cambridge, he moved to Dorchester, now Boston, where he lived the remainder of his life. He died there Dec. 14, 1892, and is buried in the family lot in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester, Mass.

He was a man of striking personality and was kind-hearted. He was a perfect gentleman, not only in his manners, but his actions. And as his daughter, Ida, truly says, he always had a kind word and greeting to all he met, no matter what their station in life



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may be. He was a very handsome man, in fact, the best looking Clay the writer has ever seen, and in saying this, of course, he has to concede a great deal.

His wife died in 1905 and is buried beside him in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester. To them were born four children:

- 173. *Lucie^s b. Sept. 9, 1845; d. July 6, 1916.
- 174. Horace^s b. Nov. 6, 1847; d. April 16, 1913.
- 175. *Ida^s b. May 27, 1850.
- 176. Emer^s b. Aug. 17, 1843; d. Sept. 1, 1845.

95. Louisa M.⁷ daughter of James⁶ and Lucinda (Whiteman) Clay, was born at the Clay homestead, June 14, 1820. Her father died when she was five years old.

Her mother afterward married Daniel Peabody, with whom she lived until her marriage to Putman Peabody, March 4, 1841, a son of Daniel Peabody. Putman Peabody was born June 12, 1813. They both lived on the old Peabody farm all their lives. He died Feb. 21, 1897. She died Jan. 3, 1887. They are buried in the Simonsville Cemetery, Andover, Vt. They had five children, born in Andover, Vt.:

- 177. *Rosalie^s b. Jan. 20, 1844; d. Nov. 16, 1886.
- 178. Ella M.^s b. May 9, 1846; d. Nov. 8, 1904.
- 179. *Adriana^s b. April 1, 1842; d. Dec. 16, 1867.
- 180. *Merrill^s b. Feb. 25, 1849.
- 181. *Gertrude^s b. Oct. 22, 1851.

96. Otis P.⁷ a son of James⁶ and Lucinda (Whiteman) Clay, was born at the Clay homestead, Chester, Vt., May 7, 1823. His father died when he was about three years old. He lived with his mother until of age.

He was engaged in peddling for several years. He kept a store in Simonsville; was postmaster there for one or two terms. Later he bought and drove the stage from Chester to Londonderry until about 1879. After that he was connected with the livery business more or less.

Otis married Henrietta Sheldon Aug. 7, 1851. She was born at Chester, Nov. 5, 1823. He died Nov. 14, 1880, at Chester, Vt. She died at North Chester, Nov. 3, 1906. They are buried at the Simonsville Cemetery. They had one child, born at Simonsville:

- 182. Lilla^s b. Nov. 28, 1855.

97. James⁷ a son of James⁶ and Lucinda (Whiteman) Clay, was born at the old Clay homestead, Chester, Vt., Aug. 22, 1825.

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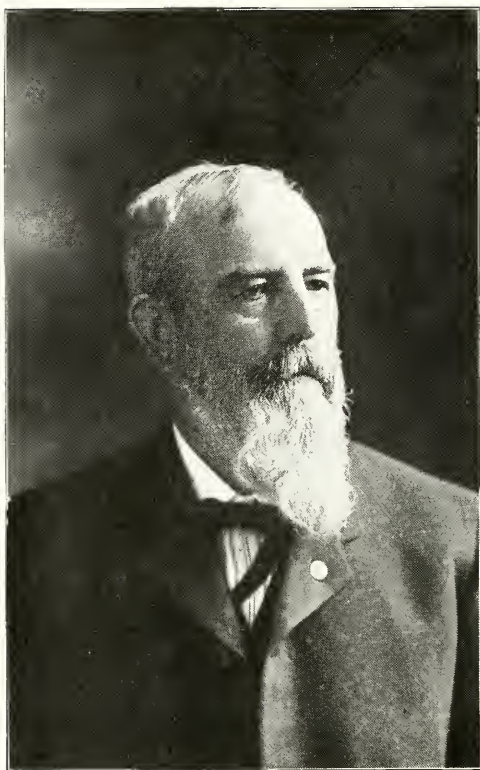
His father died when he was four months old. He lived with his mother and after her marriage to Daniel Peabody, he stayed with the family until of age.

He was married March 24, 1847, to Charlotte T. Orcutt, a daughter of Leonard and Sally (Breed) Orcutt. She was born in Crown Point, N. Y., April 19, 1827. After his marriage he farmed in Andover, Vt., for three or four years. Then for several years he ran a wholesale peddler's wagon from Pittsford, Vt., and was also employed as a traveling salesman. Later he settled in Stockbridge, Vt., where for seven years he ran the local tannery. After that he bought the Gaysville hotel property, where he remained the rest of his life, making him one of the eldest hotel owners in the State.

He died June 20, 1901, and is buried in the cemetery at Hartland, Vt. His wife still survives and is living with her daughter in Hartland, Vt. To them were born four children:

- 183. Emma^s b. Oct. 17, 1848; d. Dec. 11, 1880.
- 184. *Cassius^s b. Sept. 14, 1850; d. —.
- 185. *Jennie^s b. Jan. 12, 1855.
- 186. *Effie^s b. May 31, 1861.

98. Alonza Cardellⁱ a son of John Lawson⁶ and Louisa M. (Balch) Clay, was born at the old Clay homestead at Chester, Vt., Feb. 13, 1828. In 1840 he moved with his parents to Galesburg, Ill., making the trip overland in a two-horse wagon. He was then but twelve years old. He remained at home un'til he was 21 years of age, going through the usual course of all boys at that time, working on the farm in summer, and attending school in winter. He went to Knox Academy two fall and winter terms. In the winter of 1847-48 he taught the home school and the Wallace school in Coldbrook, Warren County, the winter of 1848-49. During that same winter he got the California gold fever. In the spring of 1849, together with Luther A. Richards and Charles B. Meeun, he filled a wagon with the necessary supplies, hitched to it four yoke of oxen and started. It was about April 1st. At that day it was a big undertaking, as they had to take a journey through an almost unknown country of over two thousand miles. They reached Salt Lake City without much trouble. When they left there, instead of taking the Oregon and California Trail, they joined a party who took the Southern Trail, said to be nearer. But the trail did not lead them to California, but finally landed them in Death Valley, which they crossed, suffering untold hardships. They finally got



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across the desert and reached a Spanish ranch Feb. 4, 1850. The account of this journey has been written in song and story, and the Jayhawkers, as that party calls themselves, have been meeting on the 4th of February for the past forty years to celebrate the day of their happy deliverance from Death Valley. Alonza Clay remained in California nearly two years and returned home late in the fall of 1851, coming back by way of the Isthmus of Panama. The next spring he built a house, improved and fenced the farm just east of the Clay homestead. He married Lavina Mariam, a daughter of Nathaniel and Betsey (Baleh) Derby, natives of Vermont, on Aug. 15, 1854, at Knoxville, Ill. She was born July 24, 1827, and died at Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 12, 1899. About 1868, he built a new house on the southeast of section 20, where he lived until he died Dec. 13, 1897. A. C. Clay was quite active in town and county affairs, being a member of the Board of Supervisors for nearly twenty years, and chairman for several terms. Their children, born at Galesburg, Ill., on their farm:

187. John Cato^s b. 1855; d. May 3, 1861.

188. *Charles Clarence^s b. Dec. 6, 1856; d. May 5, 1909.

189. *Martha M.^s b. June 9, 1863.

99. William Lawson⁷ a son of John Lawson⁶ and Louisa M. (Baleh) Clay, was born at the old Clay homestead at Chester, Vt., Aug. 29, 1831. He came with his parents to Galesburg, Ill., in 1840, and stayed at home until he was 21 years old. Like other country boys he worked on the farm during the summer and attended school during the winter. He attended Knox Academy one term and in 1850 went east to Chester Academy, Chester, Vt., returning home in 1851. In 1853 and '54 he improved a farm of 320 acres in Oxford Township, Sec. 35, Henry County, Ill. He married at Knoxville, Ill., Nov. 22, 1854, Harriet A., a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Smith) Davison of Old Henderson. They parted in 1860. Harriet A. Davison Clay died Feb. 3, 1865, and is buried at Irvinton, Ohio. He married second, Feb. 25, 1863, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Annie Johnson, whose parents came from Sweden, and whose mother died on the shores of Lake Michigan as they were coming to this country in 1849. She was raised in the family of Henry Area of Old Henderson. She was born in Sweden June 8, 1840, and still lives on the farm in Henry County. William Lawson Clay died March 7, 1901, and is buried in the Woodhull Cemetery. Children by first wife, all born at Woodhull:

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190. Harold Timothy^s b. Oct. 3, 1855; d. Oct. 13, 1856. He is buried at the Old Henderson Cemetery.
191. *Seth H.^s b. June 14, 1857.
192. *Mary Louisa^s b. Aug. 1, 1859.

Children by second wife:

193. *Fannie Mariah^s b. March 23, 1864, at Galesburg, Ill.
194. Warren Lawson^s b. May 11, 1875, at Woodhull, Ill.
195. *Eugenia Marion^s b. Dec. 30, 1879, at Woodhull, Ill.

101. Warren Winslow Wright^r a son of John L.^s and Louisa M. (Balch) Clay, was born June 12, 1835, at the old Clay home at Chester, Vt. He went to school at the old Simsbury school house and in the fall and winter of 1839 he attended the Simonsville school. In the summer of 1840 he came to Galesburg, Ill., with his parents and grew up on the farm with his brothers, going to school winters and working on the farm summers. In 1851 he attended Knox Academy one term and in the fall of 1852 when the Illinois Liberal Institute opened, now Lombard College, he entered Sept. 2. He remained at Lombard nearly four years and would have graduated in the first class, the class of 1856, if he had not had some misunderstanding with two of the professors and left the school of his own accord. In the fall of 1856 he entered Oglethorpe University, Midway, near Millidgeville, Georgia. Here he graduated with the class of 1857, receiving the first honors. Warren Clay was a remarkable scholar; he had a fine memory and great ability to remember what he read or studied.

His health was never very good and probably the confinement in the school room and his study told on him. He laid out his plans for the future, but was unable to carry them out. In 1860 he went to the University to receive his degree as Master of Arts. He died at the old home Jan. 7, 1861, and is buried in the family lot in Hope Cemetery, Galesburg, Ill. Following is a letter written by the Rev. Samuel K. Talmadge, President of Oglethorpe University, to his mother after his death:

OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY

TALMADGE P. O., March 16, 1861

Mrs Louisa M. Clay

MY DEAR MADAM: I feel truly thankful for your kindness to me in forwarding to me reliable information in relation to the mournful tidings of the death of your beloved son. A report of the fact had reached me through one of my students in New Orleans, who

obtained it from a medical student there, a former acquaintance of your son.

Accept, my dear madam, my deep sympathy for you in your sad hour of bereavement, and my earnest prayer to our heavenly Father, that He will give you grace to bear your trials. May our blessed Savior, who is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities" pour the oil of consolation into your wounded spirit.

I felt a very strong attachment for your son. His whole deportment during his residence here secured for him the confidence of this whole community and a strong band of friends. His intellect was of a high order; his habits of study were laborious; and consequently he made himself one of the best scholars in the institution. His conduct was so gentlemanly and uniformly correct; his disposition so amiable, and his manners so exemplary and unblamable that he conciliated the respect and affection of all with whom he associated, both fellow students and teachers. Some of his essays attracted especial attention for their ability and strength of thought. I recur particularly to the one on slavery, which Gov. Johnson (since candidate for the Vice Presidency with Mr. S. A. Douglas) was desirous to have published. Your son, with his characteristic modesty, declined to give up the manuscript. You have lost, madam, a son of no ordinary character, and were I with you I would literally mingle my tears with yours. Rarely has a young stranger in so short a time made so strong and abiding an impression upon my mind. God's ways are mysterious to us, and we are in danger from our narrow-sighted views of murmuring at His providence. But the day is coming when He will show to our clear apprehension that all is ordered in wisdom and love, too, to those who trust in Him.

It seems strange that one so promising as your dear son should have been taken away so early with such qualifications to do good and to spread happiness around him. But I trust that he is taken to a brighter abode, through the atoning merits of our blessed Savior, and that you and I, after being tried in the furnace of our earthly afflictions, in the providence of God will meet your son in a better world, where sickness and death never invade the happy band, and where the sad word *farewell* never falls mournfully on the ear. We were greatly pleased with the visit of your son, last summer, to receive his second degree. I noticed, with pain, that he had a pale and thin face, and wore the signs of feeble health, but I trusted that

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his visit here would have invigorated his health, and that we should hear of his entire restoration.

Allow me, in conclusion, to renew the expression of my deep and sincere condolence with you in your distressing sorrow, and let me add that whilst you have occasion to mourn (and it is not wrong to grieve with submission, for our blessed Savior wept over the grave of Lazarus), yet you have also occasion to thank God for having given you a son so far superior to most other sons.

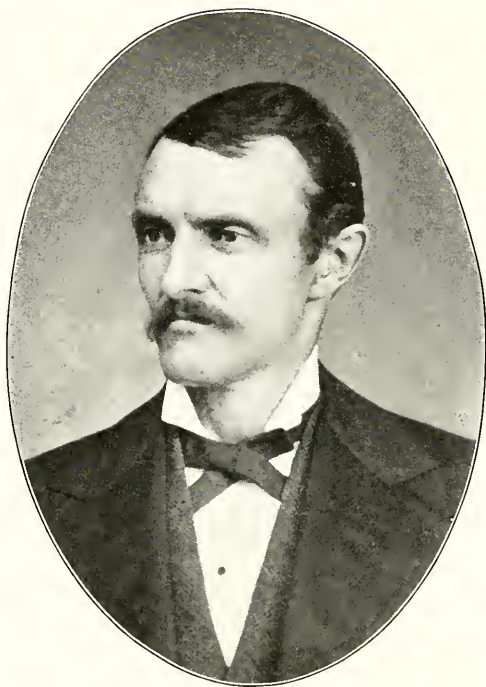
Very truly your friend,

SAMUEL K. TALMADGE

102. Hiland Henry⁷ a son of John Lawson⁶ and Louisa M. (Balch) Clay, was born Jan. 3, 1838, at the old Clay home, Chester, Vt., and immigrated to Illinois with his parents in 1840 and settled on the farm with the family in the spring of 1841. It has been practically the only home he ever knew. He had the usual schooling of boys of his age. The first school he remembers was kept in the kitchen of his father's home in the winter of 1842. Then for two years it was held in a log cabin on the Gale farm. This school room was quite romantic; it had a puncheon floor and the window frames, batten, and doors were put together with wooden pegs. There was not a nail used in the whole building. The roof was made of hand-split shakes, held down with small logs or poles; the fireplace and chimney of sod and sticks, and the seats of slabs. All the boys of the family attended school here. The first school house built in the district stood on the ground now occupied by the Williams Cemetery. This was a very fair school house, however, the seats were of slabs. In the fall of 1852 the Illinois Liberal Institute opened and he started as one of the first students, where he attended for two years.

In 1859, with a party of young men, he helped to fit out an ox team and started for Pike's Peak, the newly discovered gold mines in the Rocky Mountains. They did not get to the Peak, but spent two months looking over what was then Nebraska and Kansas Territories. On their return they traveled for several days on the old Santa Fe Trail. The party reached home on the 4th of July.

Hiland Clay stayed on the farm until 1862, when he enlisted August 7th and joined a company which was afterwards known as Company D, 102nd Ill. Vol. In the organization of the company he was elected First Lieutenant. The Regiment and the Company were mustered into the United States service at Knoxville, Ill., on



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September 2, 1862. They broke camp September 20th for Peoria, stayed there a short time and then left for Louisville, Ky. The regiment spent the winter in Kentucky and Tennessee. In the spring of 1863 the captain of Company D resigned and Lieutenant Clay was promoted to that rank. They stayed in Tennessee guarding the railroads and bridges until March, 1864, when they marched to Chattanooga. Here they were reorganized and known as the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, Twentieth Army Corps. The corps was on the great drive to Atlanta and on November 15th started on the March to the Sea, and at Savannah. Captain Clay took command of the regiment Oct. 15, 1864, at Atlanta. While they were at Savannah, Georgia, January, 1865, he was promoted to the rank of Major. Feb. 1, 1865, they started on the drive north through the Carolinas, reaching Goldsboro March 24. On the 10th of April the regiment left for Raleigh, North Carolina. While they were at Raleigh the war closed. The corps then marched to Washington, participated in the Grand Review May 24-25, 1865, and were mustered out June 6. They arrived in Chicago June 11 for payment and discharge.

After Major Clay returned from the war he went back to the farm and has been living there at the old home ever since and is very happy to say that he is very much alive. He married, Oct. 14, 1878, at Gaysville, Vt., Jennie E., the daughter of James M. and Charlotte (Oreutt) Clay, born at Pittsford, Rutland County, Vt., Jan. 12, 1855. Their children, born at Galesburg, Ill.:

196. *Fred Scott^s b. July 21, 1879.
197. *Emma Frances^s b. June 22, 1880.
198. *John Lawson^s b. June 1, 1882.
199. Walter Timothy^s b. April 26, 1884.
200. *Irving H. H.^s b. May 31, 1889.
201. *Edna Noble^s b. Dec. 3, 1890.
202. William Balch^s b. April 27, 1892; d. Feb. 8, 1893.
203. Marion Louisa^s b. Nov. 11, 1893.
204. Robert Madison^s b. March 7, 1896.

103. Mary Eliza^r a daughter of Sewall^e and Mary (Fish) Clay, was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., April 26, 1833. She moved to Illinois with her parents in 1844, making the trip overland in wagons and settled near Galesburg. She was married to Charles Summers about 1853. They lived for a while at Galesburg, Abingdon, Iowa, and Chicago. She died there June 16, 1891, and is buried at Piper City, Ill.

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104. Otis Osbert⁷ a son of Sewall^a and Mary (Fish) Clay, was born March 29, 1835, at Oswegutchee, St. Lawrence County, N. Y. He moved with his parents to Galesburg, Ill., in 1844, making the journey in two two-horse wagons. He lived with his father in Coldbrook, Warren County, until 1853, when he moved with them to Galesburg. In 1858 he settled in Oneida, where he married, Dec. 22, 1859, Lavina J., a daughter of George E. and Mary (Johnson) Spera, of Chatsworth. She was born at Marshville, Wayne County, Ohio, April 15, 1844. She died in Chicago Feb. 15, 1904. He lived in Oneida until 1865 when he moved to Piper City, where he lived until 1891. Since then he lived in Chicago until his death March 29, 1911. He is buried beside his wife in the Brenton Cemetery, at Piper City, Ill. Their children:

205. *Emma E.^s b. June 15, 1861.

206. *Fred Spera^s b. Jan. 13, 1872.

105. Irving Lawson⁷ a son of Sewall^a and Mary (Fish) Clay, was born in Oswegutchee, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1839. He moved west with his parents in 1844 and lived on the farm in Warren County until 1853, when the family moved to Galesburg. He lived with his sister for several years and while in Chilli-cothe, Ill., he learned the tinner's trade. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, 102nd Ill. Vol. Infantry. It was in the same company and regiment in which the writer served. He was promoted to Corporal, then Sergeant, and at the mustering out and discharge he was First Lieutenant. His military record is the same as that of the writer and it will not be repeated here. After the war he farmed for a year, then was employed as a brakeman on the C. B. & Q. In about a year and a half he was promoted to freight conductor and in a short time to passenger conductor. He worked for this road a few years, then went to work for the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern and took charge of a construction train. When the work was completed to Texarkana he was given a passenger run. In a few years his health broke down and he lost his voice. He then resigned and tried to regain his health, which he was unable to do.

The writer was well acquainted with Irving L. Clay. They were little boys together, went to school together and served in the same Company and Regiment during the war, where one most certainly has a chance to find out what kind of a person a man is. The writer wishes to say that he never met a more gentlemanly, up-

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right, conscientious, kind-hearted man than Irving L. Clay. To regain his health he went to Eureka Springs, Ark., where he died May 5, 1880. His remains were brought back to Illinois and he was buried by the side of his mother in the Williams Cemetery, near Galesburg.

106. Millard Fillmore⁷ a son of Sewall⁶ and Elizabeth Howe (Underwood) Clay, was born in Coldbrook, Warren County, Ill., Feb. 22, 1851. When three years old his father moved to Galesburg. In 1857 he went with him to Macon County, Mo., settling on a farm near Macon City. About 1861 they moved onto a farm, two miles southeast of Cameron, in Warren County. Here he lived until about 1907, and is now living a retired life in Galesburg. He married Sept. 22, 1880, at Danville, Des Moines Co., Iowa, Carrie, a daughter of William and Sarah Ann (Damoith) Kelly, natives of Seneca Co., N. Y. She was born Nov. 30, 1855. They have three children:

207. *Glenn E.⁸ b. July 22, 1881.

208. *Earl S.⁸ b. July 30, 1889.

209. Mabel June⁸ b. June 30, 1892.

107. Eugene M.⁷ a son of Sewall⁶ and Elizabeth (Howe) Clay, was born at Galesburg, Ill., Oct. 22, 1854. When about four years old his father moved to Macon County, Mo., and settled on a farm near Macon City, where he lived until 1861, when they returned to Illinois, on to a farm near Cameron. Here he grew to manhood. He first married Ophelia E., a daughter of Samuel T. and Eliza (Murphy) Shelton, Jan. 30, 1876. She was born March 27, 1855, at Cameron and died there March 10, 1912. She is buried in the Silent Home Cemetery, two miles south of Cameron. He married second, Jan. 14, 1915, at Abingdon, Ill., Mrs. Sophia S. McGahey, a daughter of Lemuel and Sabina (Reed) High. She was born March 15, 1857. They reside at Abingdon. During 1883-1884 he moved to Newton, Kan., where he lived several years, and where his last child was born. About 1891 they returned to Cameron and settled on a place, two miles south. His children by first wife were born at Cameron, except the last one, which was born in Newton, Kansas.

210. *Cora May⁸ b. May 19, 1878.

211. *Alta Bliss⁸ b. July 24, 1879.

212. *Ward Irving⁸ b. May 11, 1881.

213. Mark Shelton⁸ b. March 14, 1883; d. March 23, 1883; is buried in the Silent Home Cemetery at Cameron.

214. *Lawrence Eugene⁸ b. Jan. 13, 1888.

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108. Mary Jane^s a daughter of Lovejoy⁷ and Cynthia (Page) Clay, was born at Gilmanton, N. H., Jan. 12, 1835. She married April 7, 1858, Ebenezer Sewall Price of Gilmanton. They had five children.

109. John Page^s a son of Lovejoy⁷ and Cynthia (Page) Clay, was born in Gilmanton Jan. 8, 1837. He is a farmer in Laconia. He married June 14, 1862, Mary Ann Norris of Upper Gilmanton, born July, 1840, in Gilmanton. Their children born there:

215. Herbert Norris^o b. Dec. 17, 1863.

216. Edith^o b. Feb. 10, 1868, in Gilford.

110. Carrie Wood^s a daughter of Lovejoy⁷ and Cynthia (Page) Clay, was born in Gilmanton Aug. 8, 1839. She married June 17, 1875, Joseph Henry Whitney, born Sept. 14, 1823, in Boston, Mass.

111. Ira Moses^s a son of Lovejoy⁷ and Cynthia (Page) Clay, was born in Gilmanton, July 18, 1841. He married June 1, 1865, Mary Frances Brown, born in Dorchester, Mass., Aug. 25, 1845. He lived at Dorchester as a provision dealer. Their children:

217. Blanche Louise^o b. Dec. 31, 1867.

218. Fannie Mabel^o b. May 8, 1870; d. Dec. 22, 1870.

219. Alice Sibil^o b. Feb. 17, 1873.

220. Juna Mand^o b. Jan. 10, 1875; d. Jan. 15, 1875.

112. Charles Edwin^s a son of Lovejoy⁷ and Cynthia (Page) Clay, was born in Gilmanton Dec. 8, 1843. He enlisted in the New Hampshire, 15th Regiment. He died in New Orleans Feb. 25, 1863, and being the first of his company who died, his remains were sent home by his comrades.

114. Ellen Rebecca^s a daughter of Lovejoy⁷ and Cynthia (Page) Clay, was born in Gilmanton Sept. 25, 1848. She married Cyrus F. Gilman, a farmer of Gilmanton, May 10, 1869. He was born April 13, 1845. Their child was born there.

221. Add^o b. March 9, 1870.

119. Oliver^s a son of James⁷ and Mary Hitchcock, was a clerk in a book depository of the M. E. church, Baltimore, Md., 1876. He was married to Sallie E. Ward in Baltimore, Sept. 6, 1876. He was born in the State of Maryland.



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124. Samuel A.^s a son of Samuel Jaques⁷ and Mary Ann (Webster) Clay, was born at Quiney, Mass., May 3, 1854. He married April 21, 1877, Mary L. Rix of Concord. Two children were born to them.

123. William H.^s a son of Samuel Jaques⁷ and Mary Ann (Webster) Clay, was born at Pelham, N. H., Jan. 10, 1851. He married Ruth Johnson, his first cousin. They had three children.

148. Sarah Delia^s a daughter of John⁷ and Sylva B. (Tucker) Clay, was born Sept. 15, 1845. She married Oct. 3, 1865, George Jackson Swett, a farmer of Andover. Their children, born at Andover:

222. Edna May^a b. March 11, 1867.

223. Bert Henry^a b. Sept. 4, 1871.

151. Payson R.^s a son of John⁷ and Sylva B. (Tucker) Clay, was born Nov. 12, 1852. He married first, Lucy Bell Avery; married second, a Miss Lovering. They reside at East Andover, N. H. The children by the first wife, born at East Andover:

224. Rena Belle^a b. 1897.

225. Ansel Robie^a b. 1900.

149. Clara Augusta^s a daughter of John⁷ and Sylva B. (Tucker) Clay, was born March 11, 1849. She married June 19, 1872, Charles E. Puleifer, a cabinet maker of Danbury. She died Nov. 5, 1873.

153. Benj. Merriam^s a son of Frederick⁷ and Lucy (Merriam) Clay, was born in Danbury April 28, 1842. He was a Volunteer (sergeant) in the Vermont 3rd Artillery until the end of the Civil War. He married Ellen Louisa Heath March 20, 1867. They lived in Brattleboro, Vt. (1876), employed at the Esty & Co. Organ Manufactory, iron department. Their children, born at Brattleboro:

226. Abbie Louise^a b. Aug. 25, 1867.

227. George Merriam^a b. Aug. 4, 1869.

228. Cora Bell^a b. June 9, 1873.

154. Edward Payson^s a son of Frederick⁷ and Lueretia (Puleifer) Clay, was born in Danbury Jan. 30, 1844. He married Dec. 3, 1872, Annie Southworth of Cornish, Vt. He is a farmer at Telford.

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155. Lucy Frances^s a daughter of Frederick[†] and Lucretia (Puleifer) Clay, was born in Danbury July 16, 1846. She married March 21, 1866, Charles Seldon Taylor, a farmer of Danbury. Their children, born at Danbury:

229. Charles Frederick^o b. Jan. 9, 1868.

230. Samuel Seldon^o b. Jan. 16, 1871; d. March 27, 1871.

231. Selvin Sidney^o b. Oct. 20, 1872.

156. Annie Maria^s a daughter of Daniel S.[†] and Mary Jane (Colby) Clay, was born at Tilton, N. H., Jan. 11, 1859. She married July 2, 1878, Charles M. Young, a farmer of Grafton. In 1879 they were living below Tin Corner, the late Atherton place.

158. Myron Daniel^s a son of Daniel S.[†] and Mary Jane (Colby) Clay, was born at Tilton, N. H., Oct. 6, 1867. He married May 16, 1895, Edna E., a daughter of Charles H. and Martha (Yeaton) Davis of Northfield, N. H. She was 23 years old at the time of her marriage. He was living at Placentia, California, in 1912.

168. Ida Edgerton^s a daughter of Lucy[†] Clay and Sidney P. Edgerton, was born Sept. 25, 1858, in Cedar County, Iowa. She married May 15, 1906, at Sheldon, Iowa, Lemuel, a son of W. S. and Amanda (Tubbs) Stockwell, both natives of Vermont. He was born Sept. 29, 1848, in Delaware Co., Ohio. He served thirty months in the 12th Ohio Cavalry, Co. D. She died at Algona May 15, 1916, and is buried there. He resides at Algona. Ida Edgerton was a twin.

170. Arthur Franklin^s a son of Alcie Mena Clay[†] and Lafayette Thompson, was born at Claremont, N. H., Nov. 12, 1850. He married at Boston, Mass., Nov. 22, 1876, Charlotte, a daughter of Thomas and Ann Baird. She was born April 24, 1853, at Swinton, Lancaster, England. They had one child who died in infancy. At the present time they live in Philadelphia, Pa. He is the proprietor of Thompson's Spa.

172. Ella Florence^s Thompson, a daughter of Alcie Mena[†] Clay and Lafayette Thompson, was born April 8, 1860, at Claremont, Minn. She married Feb. 20, 1878, at Lowell, Mass., Charles Summer, a son of Samuel and Lydia (Matthews) Eaton. He was born at Lowell July 4, 1856. She died in Boston, Mass., Jan. 5,

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1905, and is buried beside her daughter, Margaret, in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Boston. He resides in Boston and is the proprietor of the Thompson Spa, Washington Street. The children by Ella and Charles Eaton, born in Boston:

- 232. Ezra Samuel^o b. Nov. 17, 1888.
- 233. Malcolm H.^o b. March 29, 1890.
- 234. Charles Francis^o b. July 8, 1895.
- 235. Margaret^o b. May 13, 1893; d. May 5, 1895.

173. Lucie Clay^s a daughter of Henry⁷ and Lucy (Taylor) Clay, was born Sept. 9, 1849, at Weston, Vt., and was married to Gorham S. Ring in Dorchester, by Rev. Frederic Hinckley, Sept. 15, 1869. He died in 1914. She died July 6, 1916, at Richmond, Me. They were buried in the family lot at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester, Mass. Their children:

- 236. Henry^o b. June 18, 1872; d. July 21, 1872.
- 237. Paul S.^o b. May 12, 1875.
- 238. Ethel L.^o b. July 26, 1877.
- 239. Guy C.^o b. Oct. 25, 1879; d. Feb. 18, 1887.

174. Horace Taylor^s a son of Henry⁷ and Lucy (Taylor) Clay, was born Nov. 6, 1849, at Cambridge, Mass. He married, Nov. 14, 1870, at New York City, Flora, a daughter of Renben M. and Charlotte (Pettingill) Stephenson of New York City. She was born at Dorchester, Mass., Aug. 23, 1849. He died April 16, 1913, at Berkeley, Cal. Her present address is Mrs. Samuel D. Mayes, San Francisco, Cal. Her daughter resides there with her. They had two children, one born in Brooklyn, N. Y., the other in Dorchester, Mass.

- 240. *Henry^o b. Nov. 15, 1871.
- 241. Maud Charlotte^o b. June 17, 1873.

175. Ida^s a daughter of Henry⁷ and Lucy (Taylor) Clay, was born May 27, 1850, at Cambridge, Mass. Was married to Charles P. Knight in Dorchester, Mass., by Rev. Frederic Hinckley, Sept. 15, 1869. They were divorced Oct. 5, 1880. She married second, Henry O. Lathrop, Oct. 28, 1895, at Brooklyn, Mass., who died Aug. 7, 1904. Married third, John M. Justice Sept. 26, 1910, at South Framingham, Maine. Their children, born by first husband:

- 242. *Mabelle^o b. March 22, 1871.
- 243. *Webster^o b. Oct. 28, 1873.

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177. Rosalia^s Peabody, a daughter of Louisa⁷ Clay and Putnam D. Peabody, was born at Andover, Vt., Jan. 20, 1844. She married Cassius M. Stickney, who died at Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., July 20, 1864. She died at Andover, Nov. 16, 1866, and is buried in the Simonsville Cemetery. He belonged to the First Vermont Cavalry.

179. Adriana^s Peabody, a daughter of Louisa⁷ Clay and Putnam D. Peabody, was born at Andover, Vt., April 1, 1842; died Dec. 16, 1867, and is buried at Chester, Vt. She married George Marble. Their son, Fred, was born Sept. 15, 1867, and died June 8, 1904.

180. Merrill C.^s Peabody, a son of Louisa⁷ Clay and Putnam D. Peabody, was born at Andover, Vt., Feb. 25, 1849. He married, Aug. 11, 1874, Helen Dean, born March 30, 1852. They live at present at Corpus Christi, Texas. Their children were born at Grafton, Vt.:

244. Mattie^o b. Jan. 21, 1878; d. Dec. 22, 1910. She m. Robert Brady, June 7, 1910.

245. Harry A.^o b. May 24, 1880.

246. Hugh D.^o b. Feb. 1, 1888; m. Lila Petry, June 9, 1912. They live at San Antonio, Tex.

181. Gertrude^s Peabody, a daughter of Louisa⁷ Clay and Putnam D. Peabody, was born at Andover, Vt., Oct. 22, 1851. She married Mr. Woodburn. She died Feb. 11, 1887.

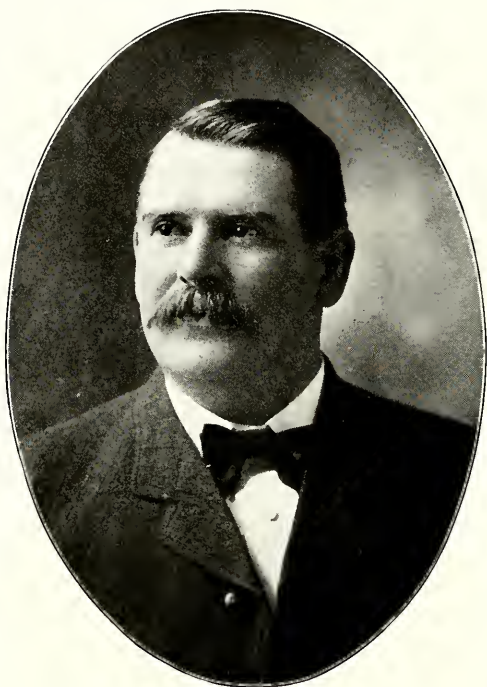
182. Lilla^s a daughter of Otis P.⁷ and Henrietta (Sheldon) Clay, was born at Simonsville Nov. 28, 1855. She married Morritz Volk Nov. 4, 1875. She died at Allston, Mass., Feb. 28, 1908, and was buried at Simonsville, Vt. They had three children:

247. Maud^o d. about 1881 in infancy.

248. Guy^o b. November, 1884.

249. Carl^o b. September, 1879.

184. Cassius M.^s a son of James M.⁷ and Charlotte T. (Orcutt) Clay, was born at Andover, Vt., Sept. 14, 1850. He married Sept. 29, 1869, Etta P., a daughter of Lyman and Parthenia Gibbs of Pittsfield. She was born at ———. They traveled across the continent to Los Angeles, Cal., by degrees, living a few years in different places. They reached California over twenty-five years



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MARY CLAY RICHARDS

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ago. He was in Galveston, Texas, at the time of the flood and has not been heard of since. She resides at Los Angeles. They have five children:

- 250. Ralph C.^o b. Sept. 27, 1872.
- 251. *Nellie E.^o b. March 8, 1875.
- 252. *Bonnie P.^o b. Oct. 2, 1880.
- 253. *Thomas L.^o b. Oct. 2, 1882.
- 254. Jennie E.^o b. June 1, 1885.

186. Effie L.^s a daughter of James M.⁷ and Charlotte T. (Oreutt) Clay, was born in Pittsford, Vt., May 31, 1861. She married first, July 20, 1881, Fred E. Abbott of Barnard, Vt. They lived at Fort Robinson, Neb., for several years. They parted and she returned to Gaysville, Vt., with her children. She married second, Sept. 2, 1894, Will T. Richardson, of Hartland. He was born there in 1857. They have two children. Children by first husband, at Fort Robinson, Neb.:

- 255. *Harold^o b. Sept. 25, 1885.
- 256. *Leo^o b. Aug. 12, 1887.

Children by second husband, at Hartland, Vt.:

- 257. Edward C.^o b. Sept. 25, 1895.
- 258. Nancy H.^o b. April 1, 1903.

188. Charles Clarence^s a son of Alonza Cardell⁷ and Lavina (Derby) Clay, was born at Galesburg, Ill., March 3, 1857. He married March 24, 1880, Mary C., a daughter of William and Elizabeth Hodge, natives of England. She was born near Galesburg Sept. 12, 1857. He died May 5, 1909, at Galesburg, and is buried in the family lot in Hope Cemetery. She resides in the city of Galesburg. They had two children, born in Warren Co., Ill.:

- 257. *Louisa Mariam^o b. Feb. 21, 1883.
- 258. *Alonza William^o b. Oct. 17, 1885.

189. Martha M.^s a daughter of Alonza⁷ and Lavina (Derby) Clay, was born Jan. 9, 1863, at Galesburg, Ill. She married Samuel Vinton, a son of John A. and Margaret (Norris) Stuekey of Altona. He was born there Sept. 6, 1865. Sam V. Stuekey was deputy sheriff for three years and circuit clerk 17 years; now cashier of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank. They reside in the city of Galesburg. They were married at the home of her father by the Rev. W. S. Baleh of Elgin, Ill.

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191. Seth H.^s a son of William L.⁷ and Harriet A. (Davison) Clay, was born at Woodhull, Ill., June 14, 1857. He married Jan. 4, 1881, at Galesburg, Ill., Margaret, a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Kellenbaek) Patterson, natives of the British Isles. Her mother died in Galesburg in 1866 and she was adopted by J. R. and Ellen Williams. For the past few years he has lived at Omaha, Neb. His first two children were born at Galesburg, the others at Peoria. They had four children:

Infant son^o b. Aug. 7, 1883; d. Aug. 7, 1883. Buried at the Williams graveyard, near Galesburg.

259. *Harriet Margaret^o b. Sept. 20, 1884.

260. *James Earl^o b. Jan. 7, 1886.

261. *Roger William^o b. Feb. 5, 1889.

192. Mary Louisa^s a daughter of William L.⁷ and Harriet A. (Davison) Clay, was born at Woodhull, Ill., Aug. 1, 1859. She married at Galesburg, Ill., March 8, 1884, Edward J., a son of Henry and Mary (Phelan) Richards, born near Galesburg, Dec. 25, 1860. For several years they lived on a farm south of Woodhull. In 1903 they moved on a farm near Ainsworth, Iowa. Their children were born near Woodhull.

262. Clarence Irving^o b. April 14, 1885.

263. Winnie Louise^o b. May 24, 1886; d. Nov. 14, 1886.

264. *Louisa Mariann^o b. Oct. 23, 1887.

265. *Harry Willis^o b. June 17, 1889.

266. Stanley Hiland^o b. Sept. 15, 1890.

267. *William Clay^o b. Jan. 20, 1892.

268. Olive Irene^o b. March 11, 1893.

269. *Edna Daisy^o Aug. 12, 1894.

270. Harriet Amelia^o b. March 14, 1896; d. March 16, 1896.

271. Eugenie Julia^o b. May 26, 1897.

272. Alice Iola^o b. July 24, 1899.

273. Elsie Loraine^o b. Nov. 26, 1900.

274. Alva E.^o b. Oct. 17, 1903; d. March 27, 1904.

Their children are buried in the Woodhull Cemetery.

193. Fannie Mariah^s a daughter of William L.⁷ and Annie (Johnson) Clay, was born at Galesburg, Ill., in the old Clay home, March 23, 1864. She married Nov. 14, 1887, at Galesburg, Ill., Horace Mann, a son of Col. H. H. and Betsey (Nichols) Willsie of Galesburg, Ill. He was born there May 1, 1859. They lived in Galesburg until about 1903, when they moved to Woodhull, Ill., and

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are living on the Clay farm there. Their children were born in Galesburg.

275. *Grace Eugenie^s b. Dec. 5, 1890.

276. Le Roy Clay^s b. Jan. 31, 1895.

195. Eugenie Marium^s a daughter of William L.⁷ and Annie (Johnson) Clay, was born at Woodhull, Ill., Dec. 30, 1879. She married at Galva, Feb. 14, 1889, Frank, a son of Tom and Mary (Kearney) Welch, born at Rio, Nov. 12, 1875. They lived on a farm near Woodhull until 1915, when they moved to Bowling Green, Ohio, where they had previously purchased a farm. Their children, born at Woodhull, Ill.:

277. Hazel Colette^s b. July 24, 1900.

278. Donald Francis^s b. Jan. 16, 1904.

279. Patracia Loraine^s b. April 3, 1910.

196. Fred Scott^s a son of Hiland⁷ and Jennie E. Clay, was born at the old home, Galesburg, Ill., July 21, 1879. He married at Monmouth, Ill., Jan. 12, 1900, Elsie Smith, born July 28, 1879. She died Feb. 8, 1912, at their home, Staveley, Alberta, Canada. Their children were born near Galesburg, Ill. He is farming near Staveley.

280. Ethel Grace^s b. May 17, 1901.

281. Arnie James^s b. Dec. 25, 1903.

282. Everett Wesley^s b. June 26, 1906.

283. Katherine Belle^s b. Nov. 25, 1908.

197. Emma Frances^s a daughter of Hiland⁷ and Jennie E. Clay, was born at the old Clay home, near Galesburg, June 22, 1880. She married, Dec. 23, 1907, Charles, a son of William and Mary Hennon Gardner, of Coldbrook, Warren Co., Ill. He was born there Aug. 18, 1877. They reside on his farm in Coldbrook.

198. John Lawson, 2nd^s a son of Hiland⁷ and Jennie E. Clay, was born at the Clay home, near Galesburg, June 1, 1882. He married Dec. 26, 1906, at Greenwich, Va., Elsie Conway, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Moore) House, of Greenwich, born there Sept. 25, 1884. He lived after his marriage on a farm, near Wapello, Iowa, until 1912, since then he has been running the old Clay farm. Their children, born at Wapello, Iowa:

284. John Lawson 3rd^s b. Oct. 24, 1908.

285. Evelyn Carroll^s b. Jan. 21, 1911.

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199. Walter Timothy^s son of Hiland H.⁷ and Jennie E. Clay, was born at the Clay home April 26, 1884. He spent five or six years at Lombard College, graduating in the class of 1905. Has been teaching and farming for several years at John Day, Oregon, where he now lives.

200. Irving Hiland Henry^s a son of Hiland⁷ and Jennie E. Clay, was born at the old Clay home May 31, 1889. He married June 5, 1912, at Galesburg, Ill., Helen Agnes, a daughter of John N. and Mary (Hayes) Mann. She was born at Galesburg, Aug. 5, 1890. They are living in Galesburg. Their child, born at Galesburg:

286. Hiland Henry^o b. May 29, 1915.

201. Edna Noble^s a daughter of Hiland⁷ and Jennie E. Clay, was born at the old Clay home, near Galesburg, Dec. 3, 1890. She married there, Oct. 9, 1912, Harry R., a son of Edwin and Cynthia (Adeock) Terpening, born in Coldbrook Township, Warren Co., Jan. 19, 1891. They live on a farm in Warren Co. Their children, born at Galesburg, Ill.:

287. Robert Joseph^o b. June 30, 1914.

288. Donald Clay^o b. April 18, 1916.

205. Emma E.^s a daughter of Otis Osbert⁷ and Lavina (Spera) Clay, was born at Galesburg, Ill., June 15, 1861. She married William Nelson Meggwire of Chatsworth, June 30, 1886. They lived there a few years, then moved to Chicago about 1891. In 1913 they moved onto a farm near North Judson, Ind. He was born Dec. 17, 1858. They have seven children:

289. *Ethel May^o b. June 22, 1889.

290. *Helen Grace^o b. July 10, 1891.

291. *Ruth Lucile^o b. Oct. 19, 1893.

292. *Mary Lois^o b. May 23, 1896.

293. Emma Henrietta^o b. Sept. 7, 1899.

294. William Nelson, Jr.^o b. Jan. 4, 1903.

295. Osbert Job^o Aug. 2, 1905.

206. Fred Spera^s a son of Otis Osbert⁷ and Lavina (Spera) Clay, was born at Piper City, Ill., Jan. 13, 1872. He married, March 10, 1896, at Gilman, Annie Louise, a daughter of John Henry and Margaret (Wilts) Dirks, natives of Germany. She was born near Washington, Ill., June 26, 1874. Her father served in the Franco-Russian War, 1870-71. They live in Chicago and have one child, who was born there.

296. Elmer Dirks^o b. May 25, 1901.



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207. Glen E.^s a son of Millard^r and Carrie (Kelly) Clay, was born at Cameron, Ill., July 22, 1881. He married at Knoxville, Iowa, Aug. 9, 1905, Maud Estella, a daughter of Simeon H. and Lyde (Gentry) Mears, born Dec. 31, 1884. He is a photographer at Galesburg, Ill. Their children were born there.

297. Millard S.^o b. March 19, 1907.

298. Edgar E.^o b. May 17, 1908.

299. Alice June^a b. Oct. 10, 1909.

300. Katherine May^a b. May 30, 1911.

208. Earl S.^s a son of Millard^r and Carrie (Kelly) Clay, was born at Cameron, Ill., July 30, 1889. He married in Chicago, Ill., Rosalind, a daughter of Mrs. Lou Ella Bruner (Wright), born Jan. 30, 1892, at Galesburg, Ill. They live in Florida.

210. Cora May^s a daughter of Eugene^r and Ophelia (Shelton) Clay, was born at Cameron, Ill., May 19, 1878. She married at Cameron, Oct. 5, 1898, Jesse A., a son of James and Amey Rof-fey, of Cameron, natives of England. They live on a farm near Cameron, Ill. Their children were born there.

301. Maud^a b. April 15, 1901.

302. Lyle Eugene^a b. April 2, 1904.

303. James Kenneth^a b. Oct. 31, 1906.

304. Frances Lynn^a b. Sept. 11, 1910.

305. Robert Clay^a b. April 21, 1913.

306. Lila May^a b. May 10, 1915.

211. Alta Bliss^s a daughter of Eugene^r and Ophelia (Shelton) Clay, was born at Cameron, Ill., July 24, 1879. She married at Cameron, June 14, 1904, John J., a son of John and Elizabeth (Fry) Thomas of Galesburg, born there Aug. 14, 1878. He is a locomotive engineer and lives in Galesburg. Their children were born there.

307. Genieve^a b. Oct. 15, 1906.

308. Elizabeth^a b. Sept. 14, 1909.

212. Ward Irving^s a son of Eugene^r and Ophelia (Shelton) Clay, was born at Cameron, Ill., May 11, 1881. He married at Monmouth, Ill., Nov. 19, 1901, Alice, a daughter of William and Mary Adams of Douglas Co., Mo. She was born March 27, 1884. They live on a farm, southeast of Cameron. They have one child, born there.

309. Herbert Eugene^a b. May 22, 1911.

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214. Lawrence Eugene^s a son of Eugene⁷ and Ophelia (Shelton) Clay, was born at Newton, Kan., Jan. 13, 1888. He married at Springfield, Ill., March 22, 1910, Mae, a daughter of Frank and Lina Pitman of New Brunswick, Mo. She was born Sept. 27, 1887. They live on his father's farm, south of Cameron. Their child was born there.

310. Frances Louise^o b. Aug. 22, 1912.

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240. Henry^o a son of Horace T.^s and Flora (Stephenson) Clay, was born at Brooklyn, New York, Nov. 15, 1871. He married Dec. 28, 1905, at Schenectady, N. Y., Charlotte P. Lang, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Lang of Schenectady. She was born in Scotia, N. Y., Aug. 22, 1871. They have no children. They reside in Schenectady.

242. Mabelle^o a daughter of Charles^s and Ida (Clay) Knight, was born March 23, 1871, at Dorchester, Mass. She married Aug. 2, 1892, at Dorchester, Ernst J. Edmonds, by Rev. C. D. Brelles. They have three children.

311. Mary¹⁰ b. 1893.

312. Brooks¹⁰ b. 1895; d. July 25, 1908.

313. Elizabeth¹⁰ b. 1914.

243. Webster^o a son of Charles and Ida^s (Clay) Knight, was born Oct. 28, 1873, at Dorchester, Mass. He married Dec. 27, 1893, at Dorchester, Anna L. Bartlett. Their children:

314. Chandler¹⁰ b. 1895.

315. Dorothy¹⁰ b. 1898.

316. Henry¹⁰ b. 1900.

251. Nellie E.^o a daughter of Cassius M.^s and Etta P. (Gibbs) Clay, was born March 8, 1875. She married Nov. 3, 1907, George A. Murdock, at Los Angeles, Cal. They have three children:

317. Clayton¹⁰ b. Oct. 31, 1908.

318. Marietta¹⁰ b. Feb. 20, 1910.

319. Bertha¹⁰ b. April 12, 1912.

252. Bonnie^o a daughter of Cassius M.^s and Etta P. (Gibbs) Clay, was born Oct. 2, 1880. She married Aug. 5, 1908, William T. Slater at Los Angeles, Cal. Three children were born to them.

320. Fredrick¹⁰ b. April 5, 1909.

321. Jennie June¹⁰ b. June 1, 1912.

322. Homer¹⁰ b. June 4, 1915.



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253. Thomas⁹ a son of Cassius M.⁸ and Etta P. (Gibbs) Clay, was born Oct. 2, 1882. He married Jennie Troxel June 20, 1908, at Los Angeles, Cal. Their child:

323. Ruth¹⁰ b. Feb. 5, 1910.

255. Harold Abbott⁹ a son of Effie Clay⁸ and Fred E. Abbott, was born at Fort Robinson, Neb., Sept. 25, 1885. He married July 20, 1913, at Portland, Oregon, Irene E. Henry, a daughter of Mrs. C. B. Austine. He went to Portland from Hartland, Vt., in 1907, and still resides there.

256. Leo Abbott⁹ a son of Effie⁸ Clay and Fred E. Abbott, was born at Fort Robinson, Neb., Aug. 12, 1887. He married Jan. 29, 1913, Anna Elizabeth, a daughter of George and Cora (Sexton) Copping, of Dorsett, Vt. They reside at Charlestown, N. H. They have one child, born there.

324. Natalie Abbott¹⁰ b. April 29, 1914.

257. Louisa Marium⁹ a daughter of Charles C.⁸ and Mary (Hodge) Clay, was born near Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 21, 1883, on her father's farm, four miles west of the city. She married Feb. 21, 1900, Cornelius Aaron Smith, born Dec. 25, 1881. They have five children, born near Galesburg.

325. Eva Marie¹⁰ b. June 10, 1901.

326. Harold Laverne¹⁰ b. March 4, 1905.

327. Charles Wesley¹⁰ b. March 17, 1907.

328. Harry Clay¹⁰ b. Dec. 4, 1908.

329. Martha Elizabeth¹⁰ b. Nov. 24, 1911.

258. Alonza William⁹ a son of Charles C.⁸ and Mary (Hodge) Clay, was born in Warren County, four miles west of Galesburg, Ill., Oct. 17, 1885. He married Dec. 14, 1908, at Galesburg, Cathryn Isabel Forrey, a daughter of Ostrando Degraffe and Lucinda Ann Hughey. She was born at Blanchard, Iowa, Oct. 16, 1883. They have two children, born at Galesburg, Ill., where they reside.

330. Charles Samuel¹⁰ b. May 7, 1911.

331. Alonza William¹⁰ b. March 11, 1916.

259. Harriet Margaret⁹ a daughter of Seth H.⁸ and Margaret (Patterson) Clay, was born at Galesburg, Ill., Sept. 20, 1884. She married Feb. 28, 1911, at Bassett, Neb., Erastus Barlow, a son

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of George M. and Mary Jane (Cummings) Eliott. He was born April 28, 1883, at Ochedean, Iowa. They now live at Long Pine, Neb., where their three children were born.

332. Frances Clay¹⁰ b. Dec. 26, 1912.

333. Eugene Allen¹⁰ b. May 8, 1914.

334. Margaret Katherine¹⁰ b. June 14, 1916; d. July 6, 1916.

260. Earl James⁹ a son of Seth H.⁸ and Margaret (Patterson) Clay, was born at Peoria, Ill., Jan. 7, 1886. He married Feb. 20, 1908, at Omaha, Neb., Janet Elizabeth, a daughter of Thomas and Martha (Middleton) Wallace. She was born April 29, 1888, at Sanford, Ontario, Canada. They reside at Omaha and their five children were born there.

Infant son¹⁰ b. Dec. 7, 1908; d. Dec. 7, 1908.

335. Marjorie Elizabeth¹⁰ b. July 2, 1911.

336. Russel Earl¹⁰ b. Jan. 29, 1913.

337. Wilfred¹⁰ b. July 10, 1914; d. Dec. 21, 1914.

338. Harriet Ellen¹⁰ b. Sept. 21, 1915.

261. Roger William⁹ a son of Seth H.⁸ and Margaret (Patterson) Clay, was born at Peoria, Ill., Feb. 5, 1888. He married Feb. 23, 1913, at Avoca, Iowa, Esther Nettie, a daughter of Fred and Augusta (Newmann) Duubam. She was born May 18, 1894, at Avoca, Iowa. They live at Shenandoah, Iowa, where their child was born:

339. Rogerina Wilhelmina¹⁰ b. Dec. 24, 1914.

264. Louisa M.⁹ Richards, a daughter of Mary L.⁸ Clay and Edward Richards, was born at Woodhull, Ill., Oct. 23, 1887. She married Feb. 15, 1911, Ray, a son of Francis and Eurana Smith of Crawfordsville, Iowa. He was born there April 29, 1885. They reside at Ainsworth.

265. Harry W.⁹ Richards, a son of Mary L.⁸ Clay and Edward Richards, was born at Woodhull, Ill., June 17, 1889. He married Dec. 25, 1912, Ruth, a daughter of E. B. and Susie Franklin. She was born at Crawfordsville, May, 1894. They reside at Ainsworth, Iowa, where their child was born.

340. Willie T.¹⁰ b. Jan. 30, 1914.

267. William Clay⁹ Richards, a son of Mary L.⁸ Clay and Edward Richards, was born at Woodhull, Ill., Jan. 20, 1892. He



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married Oct. 4, 1912, Nellie, a daughter of Frances M. and Eurana Smith of Crawfordsville. She was born April 5, 1891. They reside at Columbus Junction, Iowa.

269. Edna Daisy^o Richards, a daughter of Mary L.^s Clay and Edward Richards, was born at Woodhull, Ill., Aug. 12, 1894. She married Feb. 12, 1913, Fred, a son of E. B. and Susie Franklin of Crawfordsville, Iowa. He was born there November, 1892. They reside at Crawfordsville, where their children were born.

341. Donald^{1o} b. June 6, 1915. Twin.

342. Daisy^{1o} b. June 6, 1915. Twin.

275. Grace Eugenie^o Willsie, a daughter of Fannie M.^s Clay and Horace Willsie, was born at Galesburg, Ill., Dec. 5, 1890. She married March 18, 1912, at Kewanee, Ill., Albert J., a son of Frank and Helma Swanson of Woodhull. He was born there Jan. 8, 1886. They reside on a farm, south of Woodhull, and have one child, born there.

344. Grace Maxine^{1o} b. Jan. 24, 1913.

289. Ethel May^o Megguire, a daughter of Emma^s Clay and William N. Megguire, was born at Chatsworth June 22, 1889. She married at Wheaton, Ill., Nov. 30, 1908, La Verne Francis Wheller, Jr. They parted Oct. 2, 1913. They had two children. She resides at North Judson, Ind.

345. La Verne Frances^{1o} b. Aug. 9, 1909.

346. Lillian Lucile^{1o} b. Feb. 9, 1911.

290. Helen Grace^o Megguire, a daughter of Emma^s Clay and William N. Megguire, was born at Chatsworth, Ill., July 10, 1891. She married July 28, 1909, at Wheaton, Ill., William James Taylor. They have two children, who were born in Chicago.

347. Grace Adra^{1o} b. July 13, 1910.

348. James Vincent^{1o} b. May 26, 1914.

291. Ruth Lucile^o Magguire, a daughter of Emma^s Clay and William N. Megguire, was born at Chicago, Oct. 19, 1893. She married Nov. 16, 1915, at Chicago, Edward H. Schiller. They live in this city.

292. Mary Lois^o Megguire, a daughter of Emma^s Clay and William N. Megguire, was born in Chicago, May 23, 1896. She married at Wheaton, Ill., Aug. 11, 1911, Raymond Tillman of Chicago. They have one child, born there.

349. Margaret Lois^{1o} b. May 9, 1912.

Lawson Genealogy

(1). John Lawson, the third settler of Union, Conn., was born in Linlithgow, Scotland, in the year, 1678. His wife, Janet Young, was born there in 1694. They came to this country about 1724 with three young children. After considerable wandering, they settled in Union, Conn., in 1728. He died Nov. 14, 1774, aged 96 years. His wife died Oct. 29, 1781. They are buried at Union, Conn.

Their son:

(2). John Lawson, was born in Linlithgow, Scotland, June 30, 1724, and was brought to Union, Conn., by his parents in 1728, and has lived there all his life as a farmer. He is buried there. He married Mary Brown Sept. 12, 1751. In 1820 she was living with her son, Samuel Lawson, of Pittstown, N. Y. From the records of the War Department at Washington we get the following:

"It is shown by the records that John Lawson served as a private in Captain Cliff's Company, 3rd Connecticut Regiment, commanded by Colonel Samuel Wyllys Revolutionary War. He enlisted May 26, 1777, to serve eight months and was discharged in December, 1777."

Their children, born at Union, Conn.:

1. John, b. Nov. 12, 1752.
2. Samuel, b. July 2, 1756.
3. Thomas, b. Jan. 7, 1758.
4. Ebenezer, b. Jan. 26, 1760.
5. Joseph, b. May 9, 1764.
6. Rhoda (3), b. Nov. 1, 1766.
7. Sarah, b. Feb. 24, 1769.
8. Mathew, b. Feb. 24, 1771.
9. James, b. May 28, 1775.
10. Mary.

(3). Rhoda Lawson, born at Union, Conn., Nov. 1, 1766; married Timothy Clay Nov. 2, 1787. They lived in Chester, Vt., and are buried in the cemetery at Simsbury. She died April 24, 1824. He died August 6, 1831.

Balch Genealogy

(1). John Balch, a native of Somerset County, England, sailed with Captain Robert Gorges' Colony and in 1623 settled at Salem, Mass., being one of the first settlers there. He afterward

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settled in North Beverly, where he died in 1648. He was married twice. His first wife, Margary, was the mother of his three children.

Their son:

(2). Benjamin Balch, was born near Salem, and married first, about 1650, Sarah Gardner. She died April 5, 1686. He died about 1715, at North Beverly. Of their eleven children,

Their son:

(3). Benjamin Balch, was born, 1653; died, 1698. He married Elizabeth Woodbury in 1674. Of their six children,

Their son:

(4). Joseph Balch, was born Sept. 26, 1677, at Beverley, Mass. He died August 14, 1712. He married Sarah Hart, 1697. Of their five children,

Their son:

(5). Benjamin Balch, was baptized Oct. 18, 1702; died, 1753. He married Nazareth Cushing Sept. 8, 1726. Of their seven children,

Their son:

(6). Hart Balch, was born in 1731; died, 1751, lost at sea. He was born at Scituate, Mass. Married Miss Bourne (?) 1750.

Their son:

(7). Hart Balch, was born Nov. 9, 1751, at Newbury, Mass.; died Feb. 15, 1846. He was a soldier of the Revolution. He enlisted in Captain William Walker's Company, Colonel Reed's Regiment, April 23, 1775. He enlisted again in Captain Gilmour's Company June 29, 1777. He re-enlisted as a private in the First New Hampshire, April 24, 1781. He married first, Priscilla Holt in 1772. Of their three children,

Their son:

(8). Joel Balch, was born Feb. 6, 1774; died Oct. 27, 1845. He married July 4, 1796, Betsey Stevens, born April 30, 1778; died Dec. 31, 1810.

Their daughter:

(9). Louisa Marium, was born April 13, 1804, at Andover, Vt.; died at Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 5, 1892. She married John Lawson Clay March 8, 1827.

Stevens Genealogy

(1). Henry Stevens, the first of the family in America, sailed from London, England, for Boston, Mass., July, 1635, and settled in Brookline. He was married twice. His first wife, Alice, was the mother of

Their son:

(2). John Stevens, who married Elizabeth Hildreth.

Their son:

(3). Joseph Stevens, was born March 24, 1679; died Oct. 1, 1756. He married Elizabeth Sherman, born July 15, 1687; died Aug. 2, 1757. She was an aunt of Roger Sherman.

Their son:

(4). William Stevens, was born at Groton, Mass., Oct. 26, 1724; died at Townsend, Mass., Aug. 28, 1758. Married Hanna Farnsworth, born Nov. 12, 1730; died Feb. 10, 1753.

Their son:

(5). William Stevens, was born at Townsend, Mass., Jan. 23, 1753; died at Jaffray, N. H., Sept. 27, 1828. He married Abigail Green April 29, 1777; she died at Andover, Vt., Dec. 11, 1807. He was a Revolutionary soldier. He enlisted in Captain Josiah Stearn's Company of Colonel Jonathan Reed's Regiment and was engaged in the battle of Bunker Hill. He was also a Corporal in the companies commanded by Captain Job Shattuck and Captain James Hasley.

Their daughter:

(6). Betsey Stevens, was born April 30, 1778; died Dec. 31, 1810. She married Joel Balch July 4, 1796. He died Oct. 27, 1845.

Their daughter:

(7). Louisa Marium Balch, was born at Andover, Vt., April 13, 1804; died at Galesburg, Ill., Feb. 5, 1892. Married John Lawson Clay March 8, 1827.

George A. Stevens of New York, a relative, who so ably assisted the author in this research, is a member of this family.



EMMA CLAY GARDNER



EDNA CLAY TERPENING

Appendix

This letter was written February 7th, 1818, by Samuel Lawson, of Pittstown, N. Y., to Timothy Clay, Chester, Vermont:

PITSTOWN, February 7th, 1818

Dear Brother and Sister: I now set down to inform you of my welfare. We all have enjoyed good health but myself. I have not been very well for some days, but nothing but a bad cold.

Mother lives with me yet and is very hearty for so old a woman. Mother says she would be very glad to see you all very much. I have to tell you of the death of Brother Mathew Lawson. He expired on the 8th of December last, 1817, after a short illness. The doctor thought he had dropsy of the heart. He was not confined to his bed until the morning before he died. He has left his family in a poor situation, but they will get along, I think. He lived to see Sally married. She married Samuel Mourdock last October. I have married Sally to Benjamin Carpenter on the third of December. I think she has got a good, honest farmer. I have not heard from you in some time. I some expected you here this winter. We heard James was married. (P.)* Ebenezer was here in June. They were all well. He has had the good luck to marry off all his family but Thomas. We heard from John about a fortnight ago. They were well then. We heard from the Westward last fall, and they were well then. We hear that James has bought him a farm, but not a wife yet. We expected him out this winter, but he has not come yet. You must come over this winter if you can. If not, call when you come to Troy, it will not be but a little way from the turnpike. I live on the Benington road. I carry on the tanning business now and I calculate to drive business faster than ever. It appears very profitable business to me yet. Mother thinks you have most forgotten her, when she is so nigh to you. She is very anxious to go back to the westward.

But lest I should tire your patience I must draw to a close. The children send their compliments to those cousins. Mother wishes to be remembered to you all, so I remain your brother till death.

SAMUEL LAWSON

MARY LAWSON
TIMOTHY CLAY
RHODA CLAY

* I don't know what that P. meant.—WRITER.

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In this letter written by Samuel Lawson, he writes of his mother, Mary Brown Lawson, as still living. She must have been quite old at that time, as she was married to John Lawson, Jr., in 1751, seventy years before the date of this letter. There is no account of her death in the Lawson Genealogy. The "westward" mentioned in this letter is Rochester and that vicinity, and Wayne County, N. Y., where three of the brothers and one sister, Mrs. Joel Blair, settled.

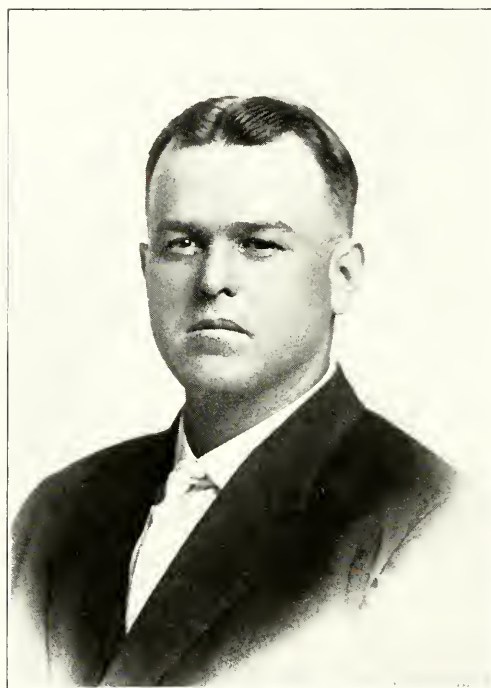
This letter was written by James Clay, son of Capt. Daniel Clay, to his uncle, Timothy Clay, of Chester, Vt.

Dear Uncle:

SALEM, OHIO, May 4, 1818

I take the opportunity of letting you know I have found your brother, which is my father. I have found them all in a good state of health, and I hope that these few lines will find you and all the rest enjoying the same blessings at the present moment. After I arrived at Marietta I stayed three weeks and after a long time I found out where they lived, and I went to see them one Sunday. I got there, say about four o'clock in the afternoon, which I might have gone and come again for all they knew me; they had forgot all about me. I told them things about you when you were down there, but it was all to no purpose, they would not know until I made myself known to them which I could not hold in from shedding tears at the time when I told them that I had seen you. So late to hear from you gave them so much joy that they fell into tears. Having stated to them the affairs which I had undergone and the same time they knew not who I was all this time. But after shedding tears for an hour or more, I was forced to make myself known to them, which I enquired after his son there, that was all that he had, and he answered that he had three gone. But two he had heard from within three months. But there was one they never expected to see again. I asked which that was and his reply was James, and then I made myself known to him which you may judge what came after. Which I was so overcome that I could not open my mouth for the whole evening.

I have found them on a good farm where they make eighty barrels of eider. The old man has now on hand fifty-two barrels now, and he has twenty-seven butts of eider brandy, fifteen of peach brandy, and from two to three hundred bushels of wheat, and the same quantity of rye, and from four to six to seven hundred bushels of corn at the present time. I have had the pleasure of



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MRS. JOHN L. CLAY 2d

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plowing corn in this country, which the corn stocks grow from eighteen to twenty-four feet high, and you have to cut them down to pick off the corn. And then in the spring you have to cut them off before you plow. It produees greater crops, which a man can live on two days' work here as easy as you can on four there, which I think that you would advice your boys to come to this country. I am not sorry that I have taken to find my parents. Now I think that I shall settle myself down and be steady, and I should wish to have some of my cousins here by me. It would be some consolation to me at the present. I could see them once more which I don't know that I ever shall if they don't take the pains to come and see me. The old man is most past doing anything at all. There is two hundred and eighty acres of most excellent land, and full one-half under good improvements and mostly bottom land. We have dug a well forty feet and the soil is just the same forty feet down as on top. It brings us good crops. And the land which is as mellow as a sand heap. Timmy owns a hundred acres. I have nothing at present.

I ever remain with your most sincere and affectionate nephew
until death.

JAMES CLAY

P. S. I wish you to write as quick as this arrives safe at home, and direct yours in this form:

Mr. Capt. Daniel Clay
Salem County, Washington,
n. Duck Creek, State of Ohio. *This*
to be sent at the Post Office *with*
in Marietta. *care*

GREEN BAY, in the Territory of Mich.

Dear Parents:

Sept. 25, 1816

Tis now I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well and hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same happiness. Undoubtedly my conduct has gave you a great deal of trouble, but it has been a great pleasure to me. The cause of my leaving my master perhaps is best known to myself, but for the same I did not regret it. I yet follow the trade, and work with a good workman. I hope I shall become perfect master of the trade without serving five years without Fairechild.

If God spares my life and bless me with good health and prosperity until A. D. 1819, when I shall arrive to the safe age of twenty-one, I will return again and see. As I am at least sixteen

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hundred miles from home and doing so well here that I cannot make it convenient to come before then.

I would thank you to give my politest compliments to all my brothers and sisters, and likewise to all my play and school-mates, and by all means to those hard characters who live on father's farm and have not the spirit to leave the sight of the smoke of their father's chimney.

If Lew Bradford is living within your knowledge, you will give him my compliments and tell him that I would have wrote him if I had known where he lived, as I never received no answer I thought it unnecessary to write, but wish he would write to me. I should be glad to hear how my affectionate old friend, Daniel, (Daniel and Walter were not very friendly. Lucind Whiteman, he married in 1817. He was the father of Henry, Louise, Otis and James), made out at the end of his three years, and how James prospered in the new line of life he was about to undertake when I left home, and what terms you settled with Fairechild, and whether he lives in Charlestown yet.

I can but wish you much joy and good prosperity for ever. I have no more at present. But I am yet your affectionate son.

WALTER CLAY

This letter was written by Walter Clay to his father, Timothy Clay, of Chester, Vt. This was probably the first letter received from him after he left home.

H. H. Clay's War Service

In the account of the Military History of Hiland H. Clay only the dates of enlistments, musters, and promotions are given. To that I will add some of my military experience. Our Regiment, the 102nd Ill. Volunteer Infantry, left camp at Peoria, Ill., the last of September, 1862, and went by railroad to Jeffersonville, Indiana, where we received our arms. We crossed over to Louisville, Ky., the next day. From there we went to Frankfort, stayed two weeks, and then marched to Bowling Green, Ky. From there we went to Scottsville, Ky., and from there to Gallatin, Tenn. We stayed in Gallatin six months, leaving in June, 1863, by railroad for La Vergne, half way between Nashville and Murfreesboro. We stayed six months in this vicinity with my company, D. We spent five months guarding a railroad bridge at Stockade No. 1, at Mill Creek, four miles southeast of Nashville. In February we marched to

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Chattanooga, Tenn. We had previously been organized as a Brigade, consisting of the 70th Indiana, 79th Ohio, and the 102nd, 105th, and 129th Illinois, at Chattanooga. The army was reorganized for the coming Atlanta campaign, and from that time we were known as the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 20th Army Corps. We started on the Atlanta campaign May 2nd, 1864. Skirmishing commenced in a few days, but we got into no trouble until the 15th of May, when we assaulted the enemy's works, two miles north of Resaca. In this fight, the most severe we had, we lost about one-fourth of our regiment, killed and wounded. In this fight our brigade captured a four-gun brass battery. The next engagement was at New Hope Church on the 25th of May. The battle and skirmish lasted four or five days. We were next engaged around Kenesaw Mountain, but did not get into any very serious fight. Had a little skirmish at Marietta, and then moved to the Chattahoochee River, which is nine miles from Atlanta. We crossed the river in a few days and started for Atlanta, at Peach Tree Creek. We were assailed by the Rebel army, commanded by General Hood. The battle raged fast and furious for a while, but the Johnnies soon gave way and left us in possession of the battlefield.

The battle of Peach Tree was fought on the 20th of July. On the 22nd we moved up in front of Atlanta and commenced the siege, which lasted six weeks. The enemy evacuated Atlanta on the night of Sept. 1st and our corps moved in the next day. We stayed in and around the city until Nov. 15th. On Oct. 15th I took command of the regiment. We started the middle of November on what is called "Sherman's March to the Sea." It was a perfect walk-away until we got near Savannah, when we run up against the Rebel army. The siege of Savannah lasted about ten days, when the Johnnies crossed the river one night over to South Carolina and escaped. We had but very little fighting in and around Savannah.

On the first of February we started north on the march through the Carolinas. We had but little trouble until Averysboro was reached. Here we again run up against Johnston's army. And on the 16th of March, 1865, fought what is called the Battle of Averysboro. Here our brigade made a charge on the enemy's works, took them and captured three cannons. The Johnnies very hastily retreated back to the second line of works. That night the enemy retreated and the next morning there wasn't a Reb. in sight.

On the 19th of March was fought the Battle of Bentonville. We did not get on the field until the battle was about over. On

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March 24th the army arrived at Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Sherman's great march was over.

On the 10th of April we were on the march to Raleigh after Johnston's army, but he surrendered without any more fighting.

After the surrender we marched up through Virginia to Washington, and then on the Grand Review down Pennsylvania Avenue, and then our army days had passed.

Walter and Steven Clay

It will be noticed that no record is given of Walter and Steven Clay, brothers of Timothy Clay, except what is given in the Concord Statistics. While I found some slight clues, there was nothing to encourage me to try to write up their History and Genealogy although I think they both lived and died in New Hampshire.

Timothy Clay's War Record

From Col. John Webster's returns dated at Chester, N. H., Sept. 6, 1779. In obedience to orders from Maj. Gen. Folsom to raise ten able-bodied men for the defense of Rhode Island for the term of six months. Among the names of the ten men reported is Timothy Clay. Date of enlistment, July 7, 1779. Place of abode, Candia, N. H. Town he went from, Chester, N. H.

In another record dated July 13, 1779. Among those who acknowledged they had enlisted for six months is Timothy Clay. Residence, Candia. Town, Chester. Miles traveled, 100. Travel money, £10; bounty, £30; total, £40.

From the muster roll of New Hampshire, men who marched to defend West Point, N. Y., in 1781. Timothy Clay. Place of abode, Raymond. Town he went from, Chester.

Mustered in, Sept. 4, 1781.

Discharged, Dec. 21, 1781.

Time served, three months and eighteen days. Amount of wages, at 4 shillings per month, £7, 4 shillings.

Lafayette Thompson's War Record

STATE OF MINNESOTA
ADJUTANT'S GENERAL'S OFFICE

ST. PAUL, July 22, 1916

I hereby certify that the records of this office show that Lafayette F. Thompson, late a musician in Company B, Tenth Regiment of Minnesota, Volunteer Infantry, was enlisted on the 21st day of August, 1862, for the term of three years; was mustered into the



LEO ABBOTT



WALTER T. CLAY

military service of the United States on the 15th day of November, 1862, and that he was Honorably Discharged therefrom on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1863, at St. Louis, Mo., for promotion.

GEO. S. WHITNEY

Assistant Adjutant General

War Record of James Clay, Son of Timothy Clay

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, June 23, 1916

Respectfully returned to Maj. H. H. Clay,

Galesburg, Illinois

The records of this office show that one James Clay served in the war of 1812 as a private in Captain Luke Parson's Company of Cavalry, 3rd (Williams) Vermont Militia. He is shown to have entered the service Oct. 1, 1812, and to have served until Dec. 8, 1812. Nothing further relative to him has been found of record.

H. T. McCAIN

The Adjutant General

Capt. Daniel Clay of Salem, Ohio

In the list of children born in Chester, N. H., to John Clay, Daniel Clay's name is at the bottom of the list and the date of his birth not given.

In this history it is stated that he moved to Ohio in 1802. In this appendix is a letter written by his son, James, at Salem, Ohio, to Timothy Clay, and dated 1818. This was James' first visit to his father, Daniel. If this is so, James must have been over 21 years old when his father moved to Ohio. Showing that Daniel must have been quite an old man at that time instead of the youngest of his family.

As Daniel Clay had a son over 21 years old when he moved to Marietta, Ohio, in 1802, named James, and as he did not go with his father, it is very likely that Daniel was married twice, and that this James was by his first wife.

Sidney P. Edgerton

Sidney P. Edgerton, who married Lucy Clay, daughter of Daniel Clay, was born at Mariah, Essex County, N. Y., Nov. 11, 1811. He moved to Galesburg, Ill., in 1838. He was a carpenter and assistant postmaster from 1845 to 1849, keeping the office in his own house, corner of Tompkins and West Streets. In the spring of 1849 he went overland to California with the Clay-Colton party,

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that was lost in Death Valley, now known as the Jayhawkers of 1849. He stayed in California seven years.

Frank Edgerton

Frank Edgerton, son of Sidney P. Edgerton, whose death was mentioned in this History. The facts are, that after the Civil War was over he went to Louisiana and settled in Red River Parish. He was appointed sheriff by the Federal Government during the reconstruction period, before Louisiana was readmitted as a State. Some trouble arose; a mob gathered, and as Edgerton and his party was leaving Red River Parish they were ambushed and shot to death on Sept. 1, 1874, near Coushatta, La.

Clay Revolutionary Soldiers in N. H.

George, Richard, William, John, Samuel, Walter, Daniel and Timothy. The last five were brothers, sons of John Clay.

Clay Revolutionary Soldiers, Mass.

Benjamin, Buxton, now Maine.

John, Jr., from Candia, N. H.

Jonathan, Buxton, now Maine.

Richard, now Buxton.

Samuel, now Buxton, Maine.

Samuel, Amesbury and Stephen, from Connecticut.

Clay Revolutionary Soldiers from Vermont

Ephraim, Capt. James and Lieut. James, Jr.

Clay Unclassified List

1. Joseph Clay, married Mary Lose in 1670, in Guilford, Conn.
2. Humphry Clay, in New London, Conn., in 1666. He was an inn keeper.
3. Nathaniel Clay lived in Dorchester, in 1664.
4. James and Peter Clay lived in Framingham, Mass., 1790.
5. William Clay signs petitions in New London, 1795.
6. Jonathan Clay signs petitions in Wolfborro, in 1785.
7. Benjamin signs petitions in Wolfborro, in 1785.
8. Jonas and Daniel sign petitions in Raymond, in 1768.
9. James Clay, Rochester, N. H., signs petition in Raymond, in 1768.
10. Richard Clay, Dover, N. H., soldier, 1696.



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11. John Clay, Seaman, 1783.
12. Samuel Clay, recruit, mustered, 1745.
13. Samuel Clay, pay roll, 1780; enlisted at Wolfborro, N. H.
14. Richard Clay, roll of New England troops at Anapolis Royal, 1710 to 1711.
15. William Clay, Durham, 1716; he paid Minister Tax. Lydia Clay, married Isaac Haskins, Jr.
16. Jonathan Clay, minister, Free-will Baptist, settled in Brexton, Maine, in early period.
17. James Clay, a son of Jonathan, born in Buxton, 1789; moved to Chatham, N. H., in 1816. Married Olive Ellwell, in 1818.
18. Thomas Clay resided in Scituate, Mass., in 1643.
 Walter Clay married Jan. 20, 1807, Sarah Danforth, of Londonderry, N. H.
 John H. Clay, of Chester, Vt., married June 21, 1882, Florence S. Chattuek.
 Nathan Clay married Aug. 22, 1820, Sally Martin, of Candia.
 Walter Clay married June 23, 1811, Dolly Pillsbury, of Candia. All of these Clays are no doubt descendants of Jonas, Steven, or Thomas Clay.

Reminiscences of the March to the Sea

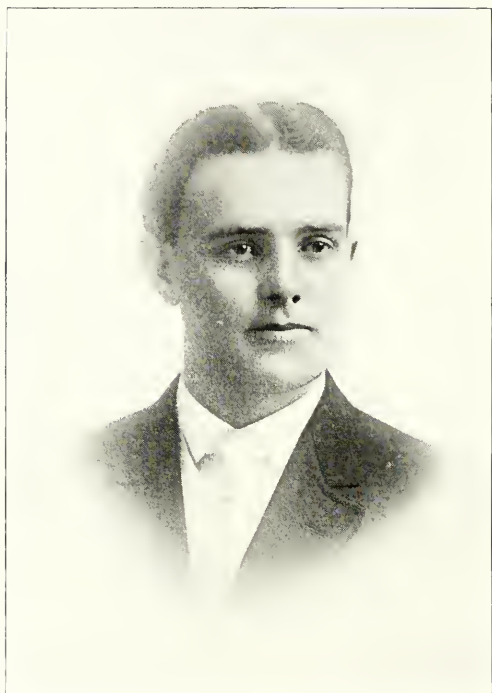
In the records of our own family in this History, the writer states that his brother, W. W. Clay, graduated at Oglethorpe University at Milledgeville, Ga., in 1857. Now to show what wonderful events and changes may occur in a few years, the writer will relate the following incident: On Nov. 15, 1864, Sherman's Army started on the March to the Sea. At that time the writer commanded the 102nd Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, which was in the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 20th Army Corps. On the fourth day's march the Corps reached Milledgeville, the State capital, and as the Corps remained there for a day, the writer, with a small party, went out to Midway, two miles distant, to Oglethorpe University, where his brother graduated seven years before. As we rode up to the college buildings we noticed a yellow flag flying from the flag staff, denoting that it was now a hospital. The surgeon soon came out and I asked him if the president or any of the professors were living nearby. He told me that Prof. Smith was living but a short distance from the college. We rode up to his house. I dismounted and went to his house and rapped at the door. The door soon opened and a

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tall, gray, fine looking man stood before me. I asked him if he was Prof. Smith; he said he was. I then asked him how long he had been connected with the University; he said about twenty years. I then asked him if he remembered W. W. Clay, who graduated in the class of 1857. He said he remembered him well. I then told him that I was his brother. The old fellow jumped up nearly two feet in the air and when he came down he had me by both hands, and I thought he never would stop shaking hands. After he got quieted down, we talked for a short time. He then proposed that we go down to the college, as he wanted to show me around. He took me through the different class rooms where my brother had recited and then out to the barracks where he roomed, and then up into the auditorium where the college commencements were held. He led me out to the platform, or stage, and then, pointing to a certain spot, said: "There is where your brother stood when he delivered his valedictory address." This spot seemed to the Professor almost hallowed ground. My brother's oration on this occasion, I think, was in defense of the institution of slavery.

Looking back now over a period of nearly sixty years, could it have been possible for any one who was present on that commencement day to have thought or realized that in less than seven years an army of nearly twenty thousand men would be in camp in and around Midway and Milledgeville, marching over that country, crushing out and ending forever the institution of slavery which they so enthusiastically exalted and defended on that commencement day. It may seem strange to some that my brother should have been pro-slavery in his views and defended that institution. But it must be remembered that the people of the North were very much divided on the slavery question. Not only on the admitting of States, free or slave, but on the question of slavery itself at that time. Families were very much divided as to the right and wrong of slave holding, and on the question of admitting any more slave States. Now take, for instance, the writer's family, father and four brothers. In the Presidential campaign of 1860, when these slavery questions were the most important issues, two voted for S. A. Douglas, two for Abraham Lincoln, and one for John C. Breckenridge.

Now, I will say in closing, that Oglethorpe University never opened its doors after the war, but was merged, I think, with the State University at Atlanta, Georgia.



ALONZO WILLIAM CLAY



MARION L. CLAY

Daniel Peabody

Daniel Peabody, born Jan. 4, 1778; died Nov. 9, 1853. Married Lucinda Whiteman Clay, widow of James Clay, June 11, 1829. She died July 19, 1862. Children:

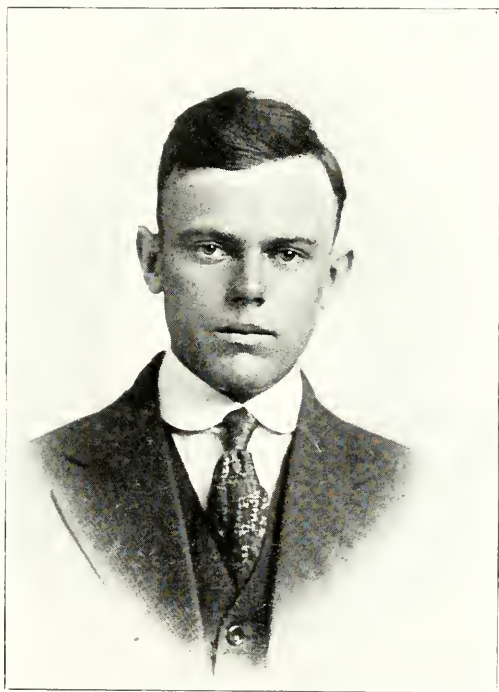
Eliza A., b. June 23, 1833.

Angie L., b. March 25, 1835.

Married:

Eliza A. Peabody to Charles A. Adonis, Nov. 25, 1860.

Angie L. Peabody to W. J. Gutterson, May 20, 1861.



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